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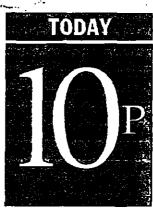


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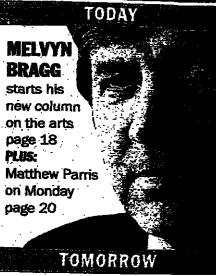


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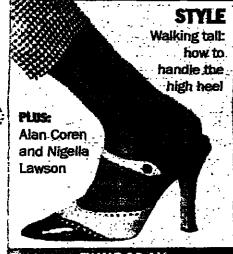


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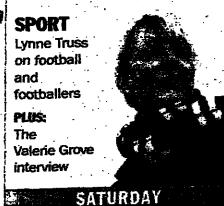
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Heseltine challenged over use of Civil Service

By Andrew Pierce and Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

lenged in the House of Commons today to explain the circumstances in which he ordered senior civil servants to promote Conservative policies.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, intervened to prevent the Deputy Prime Minister using Whitehall officials to draw up teams of "cheerleaders" to praise the Government's achievements. The Prime Minister had endorsed the plan.

The controversy will dominate ques-tions to Mr Heseltine in the Commons today only hours before David Willetts, the Paymaster General, faces a televised inquisition into allegations that he tried to influence an independent Commons inquiry into the cash-for-questions dispute.

But it was the direct involvement of Mr Heseltine, one of the most skilful political operators at Westminster, in the latest controversy to engulf the Government that dismayed Tory Mps

yesterday.
Sir Robin, in a rare rebuke, told Mr. Heseltine in August, a month after the project was launched, that it would be be "inappropriate" for civil servants to become involved in activities that believed to be the first time he has vetoed a proposal involving the Prime Minister and his deputy.

Mr Heseltine, in a damage-limitation exercise yesterday morning, said that he immediately accepted Sir Robin's advice and that the work had been hived off to ministerial advisers whose appointments are political.

However, a leaked Cabinet Office memorandum, dated August 19, dis-closed that it was Mr Heseltine who had initiated the programme to recruit prominent figures to be "vigorous and attractive proponents" of government policies in the run-up to the election. The document was interpreted by Labour and by the First Division Association of senior civil servants as a threat to the Civil Service's prized political

neutrality.

Mr Heseltine fiercely denied the charge and said yesterday he was a victim of Labour dirty tricks. He said that as soon as Sir Robin had intervened he had acted. "The moment he did that, I agreed that was the position. That is what has been happening. All of that is quite clear." he said on BBC Radio 4's World at One

programme. Asked why the memorandum in question had been passed between civil servants, rather than between the politically appointed advisers who should have handled the work, he replied: "The important thing is to be sure that we don't use civil servants for this purpose."

The interview produced a contemptous response from John Prescott, Labour deputy leader. He said: "This is a further blatant example of an abuse of government power ... a blatant interference in the impartiality of civil servants. It brought Sir Robin to condemn what they proposed to do." Mr Prescott, referring to Mr Willetts's

By JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION EDITOR

TEACHERS at an undistin-

guished Norwich comprehensive

found themselves promoted as the

fashion models for their pro-

fession yesterday after winning a glowing dress-sense testimonial from the Education Secretary.

Gillian Shephard singled them out in a television interview on the

Education Bill. She recalled the

female members "looking as

MICHAEL HESELTINE will be chal- appearance before the select committee, said: "This is a Government more interested in the party interest than the national interest; they will use anybody to achieve that."

Derek Foster, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said: "The public will rightly ask whether some people will be rewarded by the Government in the form of contracts if they speak up praising Tory policy." He added: "Was there an implicit threat that they would be discriminated against if they did not come out on side for the Government?"

lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, will also be under attack for embarking today on a business tour in Tory marginal seats which was paid for and organised by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, was under fire from Labour and Tory MPs for using civil servants to write fictional "good news" stories about the health service in a White Paper, which is to be published on

Sir Robin has defended the neutrality and impartiality of civil servants assiduously. In recent weeks he has servants who declined to use the term "tartan tax" to damage Labour's devolution plans. He also told civil servants to take care in the use of the word "opportuinity" in government statements after concern expressed by some officials that this was too close to the Conservative Party slogan used at the

party conference. The issue of civil servants being politicised has extra sensitivity because of the closeness of the general election and the likelihood of a change of

The leak of the memorandum came only days after Sir Robin Butler had told Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, General Secretary of the Association of First Division civil servants. Lady Symons, had learnt of the original proposal - made on July 24 in August, which was the month it was announced that she was to become a Labour working peer. She denied that she was part of a Labour plot to discredit the Government.



"It's nice to know that once in a while he digs his own holes"

though they had stepped out of the pages of Vogue" when she visited Eartham School in the summer.

Mrs Shephard cited the elegant

women as an example to a

profession that, she said, some-

times underestimated its impor-

tance as role models. "I thought

what an inspiration they must be

Earlham attracted less welcome

headlines little more than a month

ago when a group of girls were

expelled after a younger girl was

to their pupils."

Elegant misses are a hit with Shephard



Old man' gives Tyson a beating

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

EVANDER HOLYFIELD, the supposedly feeble old man of heavyweight boxing, scored one of the great upsets of ring history when — with a little help from the Almighty - he thrashed Mike Tyson to win the world title. Holyfield,

37, defeated the much-feared Tyson with ease, delivering a medley of pummel-punches and cartilege-crunching blows before the fight in Las Vegas was stopped in the

eleventh round. The loser was said to be incoherent immediately after the fight, as were the wideshouldered, sun-bespectacled

man as unbeatable. They had said that Holyfield would leave the ring "in a box, man".

Bookmakers also took some heavy blows. Holyfield was originally 25-1 underdog for the fight, but wads of dever money dropped on him not long before the opening

who had come to regard their

bell rang. The odds fell to 6-1. but some punters had a highly profitable weekend. Holyfield had entered the

fight with a failing reputation and was regarded by the Tyson camp as just another Continued on page 4, col 4

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probe into Eurotunnel

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND ROBERT MILLER

TEN City banks and stockbrokers will be asked to sup-ply secret documents this week after the Serious Fraud Office joined a French police investigation into allegations of insider dealing in shares in Eurotunnel, operator of the Channel Tunnel.

The intervention of the Serious Fraud Office comes at the request of French authorities investigating alleged "market manipulation" around dealings in Eurotunnel shares. Officers from the French fraud squad visited London at the end of last week to put a case for investigations in London. Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, has approved the Continued on page 2, col 7

day at school. In 1994 12 per cent

of its 15-year-olds gained five or

more higher grade GCSE passes.

Mrs Shephard said later that all

the staff had been smartly dressed

but that the women had made a

On the Record programme, may

have come as a relief not only to

Britain's teachers, still smarting

from allegations of scruffiness, but

The exchange during BBC's

particular impression.

Last year the figure fell to eight.

SFO shares | British troops for Zaire

The Cabinet is expected to give approval on Thursday to British military involvement in an international humanitarian

mission in Zaire. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said on BBC relevision that he expected authorisiation for an international force to be agreed by the weekend amid reports that more than one million refugees from Rwanda face starvation Page IJ

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fashion magazine. Vogue has been

at the centre of a row over its use of

waif-like models, being accused of

encouraging slimming to danger-

Dover, is planning an amendment

to the Education Bill requiring governors to lay down rules on what teachers wear. Each school

David Shaw, the Tory MP for

ous levels among young girls.

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Bingham warns law clash will dominate election

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT Lord Chief Justice will lead opposition to proposals

THE Lord Chief Justice warned vesterday that a clash between the judiciary and Government over sentencing proposals will dominate the

run-up to the general election. Lord Bingham of Cornhill (indicated to Michael Howard. the Home Secretary, that his plans for automatic life terms and US style minimum sentences were a recipe for "tensions" and "unhappiness and challenge" in the country's

the proposals in the Lords and warned that the Government's attempt to meet judges' concern that the plan will fetter their discretion did not "meet the problem at all".

Lord Bingham's remarks will also serve as a marker to Labour - which has adopted a neutral stance over the billthat a future Labour Government would face the same judicial opposition. With Lab-

our abstaining on the Govern-ment's flagship law and order bill. Lord Bingham and his senior colleagues on the bench are effectively leading the opposition to the sentencing measures.

Lord Bingham made his unhappiness with the measure known when he appeared on BBCI's Breakfast with Frost programme. An array of senior present and former judges as well as other legal

block the Crime Bill unless changes are made which give judges greater sentencing

Mr Howard's Crime Bill

requires judges to impose minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers unless there are "exceptional circumstances" - a clause specifically pressed for by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Bingprogramme yesterday that this let-out phrase did not "do the business." He said: "I don't feel this meets the problem at

Courts had interpreted "ex-

ceptional circumstances" very

narrowly, to exclude cases where defendants had "psychiatric problems, financial apressures, family difficulties, threats of suicide

"In the run-of-the-mill cases.

coming up all the time and so a judge is going to have, if he's true to the intention of Parliament, to put his hand on his. heart and say, "is this exceptional? And usually it won't

Lord Bingham made clear that judges wanted the freedom not to pass a mandatory sentence in any case where "he considered in all the circumstances it would be unjust to

That would enable judges "to give effect to his sense of what the justice of the case demanded and that's what he's there for, he's a professional paid to be expert in

these matters". In a second attack on the bill, Lord Bingham went on to echo the warning of the Parole Board that the abolition of the present parole system could

cause tensions in prisons. The present system, in which the Parole Board made the decision as to when a long-term prisoner should be released worked well, Lord Bingham

Instead, the bill proposed a system in which a "prison officer on the landing where the prisoner is "would be deciding whether he should have three days a month because he had been cooperative or an extra three days because he was very cooperative. That was "an extremely difficult judgement to make."

Brown says EU social costs would be vetoed

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN will today promise business that a Labour government would veto any moves by the European Union to force Britain to accept European social security legislation and workers on company boards.

in Labour's clearest attempt so far to woo industry, the Shadow Chancellor will tell the Confederation of British Industry conference in Harrogate. North Yorkshire, that Labour would block any new regulations brought forward under the social chapter that are seen to burden business.

He will say that Labour would only allow proposals that it considers would boost productivity and employment. Labour would also reject any attempt to weaken the veto within the social chapter in the fields of social security and "co-determination within the boardroom".

This means that Labour would block any moves to force Britain to accept plans for common benefit levels across Europe, including a minimum unemployment benefit figure and social secthe social chapter, as Mr. Brown will reaffirm today a Labour government would do. other unwanted European so-



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cial legislation could creep in which would be damaging to

Mr Brown's reassurance to business comes the day before the European Court of Justice is expected to rule that the directive imposing a maximum 48hr working week across Europe should apply to

The Shadow Chancellor is to tell CBI delegates that Labour should now be seen as pro-business. He will say: "We must never return to a situation here in Britain where unlike in America and most of Europe, one party is seen as pro-business and the other is seen as anti-business."

He is planning to reject the 'old dogmatic battles" between regulation and deregulation and add that Britain has to increase productivity and employment through new partnerships for investment in industry skills and new technologies. He will reiterate Labour's commitment to sign the social chapter because we believe that there is a social dimension to the single market and because we believe urity taxes. Business leaders that an empty chair is not in fear that if Britain signs up to Britain's interests". However. Labour will "not countenance" any plans that burden

Mr Brown will also set out Labour's objectives of low inflation, sound public finances and tough fiscal rules. As one of the strongest pro-Europeans in the Shadow Cabinet, he will repeat that Labour favours a single currency in principle but only if the right economic conditions can be achieved. He will say that the options of member-ship should be kept open.

John Major will tomorrow attack the decision on the 48hr week and say that he will block any progress at the

Business, page 48



An animated Gillian Shephard during her interview for BBC Television's On The Record programme yesterday

Continued from page 1 would set its own code, but the aim would be to outlaw "sloppy" dress. including jeans, and stop male teachers wearing earrings. Mrs Shephard said the whole country

vould welcome a smart appearance by teachers. But there should be no need for a national initiative.

The Education and Employment Secretary defended John Major's

free vote on the reintroduction of corporal punishment, while insisting that ministers support continued abolition. She said the Government's position had not changed

banning the cane in state schools, said its reintroduction would have been considered if teachers' organisations had requested it to be.

'eachers may shun tests for five-year-olds

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

A RERUN of the dispute

which plagued the introduc-tion of classroom tests for seven and II-year-olds is threatening the Government's plans for a national system of baseline assessment" at the age of five.

Nursery groups are press-ing for the tests, which are being tried in 360 schools, to be as wide-ranging as possible to give teachers a clear picture of children's progress before they start school. But the teachers' union which led the boycott of national curriculum tests is gearing up for similar

action if its members consider the new format too timeconsuming.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Asso-Union of Women Teachers. told his members in the latest edition of the union newspaper. Career Teacher: "Inevitably, there will be workload implications, and NASUWT will be offering the appropriate support to those members who refuse the additional work. This blatant attempt to catch general election votes

teachers and cost a small fortune. Consultation by the School

will depress and demoralise

Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which finished on Friday, showed a clear majority of teachers favouring the most basic of three models for tests would concentrate almost exclusively on initial literacy and numeracy, providing a baseline against which the value added by schools can be

measured. But Susan Hay, who chairs the National Childcare Trust. said nursery groups feared that tests of this type would narrow the focus of pre-school education because parents would place such emphasis on the results. "We don't want the other valuable activities which

go on in nurseries to be squeezed out, so the assessment must be broader." Mrs Hay. whose own

Nurseryworks group passes children's attainment schools, has been pressing the SCAA to recommend that children are assessed twice when they system is intro-duced nationally in 1998. As well as testing basic literacy and numeracy, an assessment would gauge the wider skills that children have acquired before starting school.

A SCAA spokesman said the authority was anxious to make the tests as concise as possible. although they would almost certainly cover communicaand numeracy. More than given some form of assessment already, schemes would be accredited as long as they conformed Government requirements.

More than 2,500 schools responded to the SCAAs appeal for views on the three models. There was little favour either for the option of an open-ended assessment by teachers, or for the option of a more complex test based on the broad range of skills the authority hopes to see covered in pre-school classes.

NEWS IN BUILD **Former**

ministers in caning revolt

Two former Tory education ministers are among a group of 30 MPs sponsoring an amendment today on the restoration of corporal punishment in schools. But Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, who is a personal advocate of the cane, will oppose the rebels today during a debate on the Education Bill. Mrs Shephard made clear yesterday on BBCl's On the Record that she would vote against her beliefs.

Raine divorces

The marriage of the former Countess Spencer to a French aristocrat has been dissolved by a French divorce court. Three years after they were married in London, Raine the former stepmother of Diana, Princess of Wales - and Count Jean-François Tineton de Chambrun have been granted a divorce in Grasse in the south of France.

Biggest aquarium

London Zoo is planning a £100 million aquarium, the world's largest, scheduled to open in 2001. It will be in the Albert Dock, in east London. surrounded by water on three sides. Inside the building there will be four tanks the size of Olympic swimming pools, each holding up in i.i million gallons of water, a-

Proops dies

Marjorie Proops, the doyenn of agony aunts, died last night at London's Cromwell Hospital. Her age was a mystery but she was thought to be in her late 70s or early 80s. David Montgomery, chief executive of the Mirror Group. said: "I first met Marje when l was a young sub-editor and she left me in no doubt who

Blair would split civil service roles

By Valerie Elliott WHITEHALL EDITOR

A FUTURE Labour Government would split the post of Cabinet Secretary and head of the Home Civil Service. Tony Blair favours a Cabinet Secretary who can oversee all Government husiness and who will take on a more strategic role in driving Whitehall departments to implement the legislative programme.

The head of the home civil service could also become a powerful new post in combination with a beefed-up Cabinet Office to drive forward Labour's proposed changes to the constitution. The notion has captured the interest of senior Labour figures who believe such a move would also make it easier to appoint Sir John

Kerr, the present British Ambassador in Washington, to the key post as Cabinet

It is understood that Sir John, 54, has been involved in early discussions about the job. But as a Foreign Office man, it may be deemed inappropriate for him to take on the role as head of the home civil service. Sir John Kerr is unusual in a diplomat in that he enjoys the cut and thrust of party politics in Government and is known as a keen "fixer". He has also worked in a senior post at the Treasury, and was so valued that he was invited by Sir Geoffrey Howe, when he was Chancellor, to stay on and become his principal private secretary.

Another plus for Sir John is that he is an expert on European issues and during his five-year posting to Brussels as Ambassa-dor and the UK Permanent Representative he drove through the Maastricht Treaty for the Prime Minister and was a

familiar presence at Downing Street. Mr Blair got to know him well during his trip to Washington in May, and he is also admired by Jonathan Powell. another former diplomat who is Mr Blair's chief of staff.

But Mr Blair and his senior colleagues want Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary who is also head of the home civil service, to marshall the transition period for Whitehall to adapt to a new Labour intake. It is unlikely, therefore, that the change would take place in the first few months of a Labour

Tunnel shares Continued from page 1 SFO involvement and the Metropolitan Police have also

The Serious Fraud Office investigation is to be headed by Chris Dickson, senior assistant director, although it is understood that no office raids are planned at this stage of the

James O'Donoghue, spokesman for the SFO, said that the investigation was concentrated on events on the French stock market and there were no grounds for a domestic inquiry. The majority of

have been conducted in France, although the company been kept abreast of developis quoted on both the London and Paris Stock Exchanges. and most shareholders are

> The French inquiry is believed to centre around allegations that vital commercial information about the restructuring of the debt-burdened tunnel operator had been leaked into the market. The share deals date back to 1994. the year before the tunnel opened and shortly before Eurotunnel announced it was trying to re-arrange its debt.

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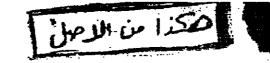






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'Now that we have shops trading on Sundays, that is when we observe the silence'

Stores are divided on when to fall silent

By JOANNA BALE

AN ESTIMATED two thirds of the British population will observe today's two minutes' silence to remember the nation's war dead, although some big employers have de-clined to take part.

Safeway, Boots, Somerfield, Hanson and John Lewis are among the firms which have failed to respond to a direct appeal by the Royal British Legion. John Lewis, which owns Waitrose, called on the Government yesterday to give a clear lead in future on which day to observe a silence. Like many other retailers, it prefers to observe the silence on Remembrance Sunday, when fewer stores are open and those that do trade are less

The Royal British Legion has been campaigning to renew the widespread observance once given to Armistice Day, to mark the moment when the guns stopped at the end of the First World War at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh

Mildred Pelling, the poppy appeal organiser for Hastings and St Leonards in East Sussex, said: "It is very disappointing. The stores that choose Sunday think they will lose less money, but two minutes is not much to give to those who gave their lives."

The legion's campaign to renew the once-widespread of observance of Armistice Day began last year when it fell on a Saturday, and an estimated 27 million took part. It believes that two thirds of the population --- about 38 million --- will take part this year. Many of ggest employers, including Guinness, Tarmac, Power-Gen, Cadbury Schweppes British Airways and Glaxo Wellcome have entered into the spirit of the revival, along with The Times. A spokesma:

for John Lewis said: "We have great sympathy with the RBL's wish to raise the profile of Armistice Day. We believe that the nationally designated time for remembrance is the nearest Sunday and we do not want to detract from that wellestablished tradition.

"Now that we have some stores trading on Sundays, our position is that we will observe the two minutes' silence on Remembrance Sunday. On national matters such as this we believe it is for the Government to give a clear

Safeway said it also preferred to hold the silence on Remembrance Sunday. A spokesman said: "We believe more customers in nearly 500 stores will join us on a Sunday."

Boots is leaving the matter to the discretion of store

Charles Lewis, controller of communications at the British Legion, said: "We believe even more people will participate this year because it falls on a Monday, and so many firms. schools and colleges have agreed to observe it. We know it will never take the place of the Remembrance Day ceremony in Whitehall. We are just calling for recognition of Armistice Day."

British Airways rescheduled its morning Concorde flight from Heathrow to New York yesterday so as not to disturb Remembrance Day services around the country. The supersonic BA 001 flight would normally have left Heathrow at 10.30am but. because of the two minutes' silence at Ilam, the airline rescheduled its take-off to

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Moment of remembrance: The Queen laying her wreath at the Cenotaph yesterday, watched by politicians including Paddy Ashdown, Tony Blair and John Major

Old wartime memories renewed by present sacrifices

ON A raw, grey, damp November morning, the nation again gathered yesterday to pay tribute to its war dead. Seventy-seven years since the first wreaths were laid on the Cenotaph in Whitehall, the ceremony has lost none of its solemn splendour nor its capacity to touch hearts.

Age may have withered and the years condemned all but a handful of those who survived the horrors of 1914-18. but a host of veterans of later conflicts, as recent as the Gulf War and Bosnia, gathered in the drizzle by the statues of the led them and their forefathers into battle.

each year Relentlessly. marks another milestone.

■ John Young finds the Whitehall Cenotaph ceremony has lost none of its splendour nor capacity to touch hearts

Last year Britain celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War: this year it has been reminded of the massacre of the Somme, the biggest disaster in British military history, just 80 years ago. Next year it will be time to recall Passchendaele, the year after that the Armistice itself; in 1999 it will be 60 years since Hitler marched into Poland and condemned a weary world to six more years

But the litany does not stale.

Yesterday we remembered the fallen as, if the number of young faces in the crowd were an indication, generations will continue to do. Young men and women, blinded or in wheelchairs in what should be the prime of life, reminded us that freedom continues to exact a bitter price.

As the rain eased, guards of honour took up station, including detachments from the RAF, the Royal Marines, the Royal Navy, the Household Cavalry and Her Majesty's

bands of the Brigade of Guards, in their sombre grey winter greatcoats, played the familiar tunes: Rule Britannia, Hearts of Oak, The Minstrel Boy and Men of Harlech. The pipes of the Scots Guards intervened with the haunting Skye Boat Song.

To the accompaniment of Elgar's sonorous Nimrod, the choir of the Chapel Royal led the procession of clergy preceding the Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Chartres. Through the doors of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office came the politicians: John Major, Tony Blair, Paddy Ashdown, and David Trimble: three former prime ministers, Baroness Thatcher.

Bend

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff and Sir Edward Heath; and members of the Cabinet. They were followed by 43 Commonwealth high commissioners and the heads of the Armed Services.

Finally they were joined by the Queen and the Dukes of Edinburgh, York and Kent. The Princess Royal and her husband Captain Timothy Laurence, Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy watched from a balcony. Two notable absentees were Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who is suffering from a chill, and the Prince of Wales, who is on a nine-day tour of former Soviet states in

As Big Ben boomed the first

utes' silence, memories etched in the faces of the old soldiers, sailors and airmen as they recalled past times and past friendships. A Royal Marine trumpeter sounded the Last Post and the Queen laid the first wreath, followed by her

husband and son. A short service conducted by the bishop included prays, the hymn O God Our Help In Ages Pasi, Reveille and the National Anthem. To the accompaniment of Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, President of the Royal British Legion, laid

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Sgt Noble was remembered at a roadside service in Hove yesterday

Human remains found in crashed Hurricane

By TIM JONES

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AFTER the wreckage of a Battle of Britain fighter plane was found beneath the pavement of a seaside town, with human remains inside, a grieving relative of the young pilot said yesterday she could not rest until his grave was dug up to reveal whether it contains his remains.

Gwendoline Noble, 80, thought that after being shot down in a doglight 56 years ago the remains of her cousin Sgt Dennis Noble, 20. had been recovered and laid to rest in his home town of Retford, Nottinghamshire, and for years has been ensur-

ing his grave is well kept. But she was horrified to learn that in the remains of his Hurricane, found buried

Hove aviation archaeologists have discovered a skeleton clad in RAF flying jacket.

Yesterday, a service of remembrance was held at the place in Hove where the remains of Sgt Noble were found. A parachute was laid over the spot and local people marked it with flowers.

Mrs Noble said: "It if turns out that his body is not in the grave but is in the aeroplane, we will want a second funeral

with full military honours. This has been terribly upsetting for me and other members of the family. I won't be at peace until there has been inquiry. I must know whether we have been deceived by the military

Sadly, that must involve digging up the grave to see exactly who or what is buried

is in that grave. It may be empty, or it may be that just a

part of him lies there." Mrs Noble added: "There has always been a family myth that there were stones in the coffin and that when they buried him it was tilting to one side. If the grave is empty then it will be a scandal and raise the question of how many other families were

Keith Arnold, the archaeoiogist leading the dig aid: "I am shocked and stunned the

body was still there." Sgt Noble died on August 30, 1940, when his plane was shot down by a Messer-schmitt 109. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said he could not comment as the matter was in the hands of the

Pair steal poppy cash from widow

A 75-year-old widow was recovering today after being robbed as she cycled home after collecting money for the Royal British Legion poppy

appeal. Cynthia Shoosmith was cycling in Whitstable, Kent, when a car pulled up and two men got out. They pushed her off her bicycle, grabbed her collection boxes and drove off. The men, aged between 20 and 30, got away with about £100, according to Kent police.

Minister stabbed at cenotaph

A church minister was slashed across the face with a knife during an open-air Remembrance Day service in a Highland village. The Rev John MacPherson, 41, needed 16 stitches after the attack at the cenotaph in Scourie, West Sutherland, witnessed by about 40 worshippers. Police later arrested a man.

VC winner

Memorial for

Northern Ireland's only recipient of the Victoria Cross in the Second World War is to have a permanent memorial more than 50 years after his bravery in the Far East, Supporters of James Magennis, who died in 1986, said he had been largely ignored by Belfast council because he was a Roman

Carrier crew recalls Invincible past

FROM MICHAEL EVANS ON HMS INVINCIBLE IN THE GULF

AS THE sun set in the Gulf and two huglers, one male, one female, played The Last Post, it was a poignant reminder that sailors have died for many different causes in these waters.

It was also a moment for the 1,100 men and women of the Royal Navy's grande dame of aircraft carriers to reflect on the grim fate of those who served on a previous Invincible, which was mortally hit in the Battle of Jutland 80 years ago and sank within 15 minutes, with the loss of nearly all the ship's complement. There

were only six survivors. Many of those serving on today's Invincible have their own memories of war. Rear-Admiral Alan West, command-

er of the Royal Navy Task Group, headed by HMS Invincible, which is now deployed for an operational exercise inside the narrow Gulf waterway, was commanding officer of HMS Ardent in the South Atlantic in 1982 when it was struck by Argentine bombs and sank with

the loss of 22 lives. Others on board are too young to have tasted the fear of battle, such as Sarah Gill: 20, one of 110 Wrens on the carrier who represent the changing face of today's Royal Navy. Admiral West and the commanding officer of HMS Invincible, Captain Roy Clare, are both convinced that the women on hoard would stand up to the ultimate test of war.

The Remembrance Service on HMS Invincible was held on Saturday because yesterday the ship's crew was fully

engaged in an exercise with the US Navy which was intended to send a different sort of reminder to the regimes in Iraq and Iran that the West's two greatest navies have the capability and flexibility to operate close to their territories.

Although a Royal Navy carrier paid a port visit to Dubai in 1992, this is the first time that a British carrier group has taken part in operational training inside the Gulf since 1961.

Later this week HMS Invincible, a 25,000-tonne carrier, equipped with six FA2 Sea Harriers, new missiles and ten Sea King helicopters, will sail up to Kuwait to demonstrate Britain's continuing commitment, with her allies, to deter any further aggression in this region.

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The Virgin Personal Pension, as inspired by Andy Fairweather Low.

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had been on his way home to propose formally to her. Julie Godfrey said that Ste-phen Shuckford had e-mailed a proposal shortly before stepping aboard the Boeing 727. 1 replied that he should go down on one knee and do it properly - which basically meant 'Yes'. I can't believe he's

dead. I'm still waiting for him

jungle said yesterday that he

to walk through the door." Mr Shuckford, 32, who lived with Ms Godfrey, 30, at Gorleston, Norfolk, was the first Briton known to have been on the airliner which crashed on Thursday. 25 miles northeast Lagos, killing all 143 people on board. Up to eight more Britons are thought to



E-mail love: Stephen Shuckford and Julie Godfrey

Godfrey, a finance officer at the University of East Anglia. said: "He's one of those people who, if he got out of the plane but could go back and get somebody else out, he would. He wouldn't think about himself.

By A STAFF REPORTER

Oilman in jet crash

"He had worked all over the world. I've known him only four months, but it's a lifetime. He swept me off my feet. He was my soulmate.

There's no way he wouldn't have been on the plane; he wanted to come home so desperately. I'm still waiting for him to come home and whisk me away to a desert island and marry me.

"It is confirmed that he's on the plane, but I won't believe it until they show me something. until they bring his body

Ms Godfrey, who is di-

vorced, said that Mr Shuckford was estranged from his wife, with whom he had a two-year-old child son, Ryan, and that a divorce was pending. He also had a daughter. Carly, aged seven, by another woman. The oilfield services com-

pany Schlumberger Wireline and Testing, for whom Mr Shuckford worked as a welltesting technician, confirmed that he was on the aircraft. Another Briton believed to have been a passenger was named last night as John Ingham, 49, from Shrewsbury. He was married with two children. The Aviation Development

Company, the aircraft operator, has angered relatives by not releasing the passenger list, saying it had given it to the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria.

A spokesman for the British High Commission said: Until we are able to identify people from the manifest to make sure they actually were travelling, we cannot release the names. From what they tell us. it is a very desolate scene, a scene of devastation."

The British had provided two four-wheel-drive vehicles to assist the authorities, and Shell had supplied helicopters. According to witnesses, villagers were using canoes to recover bodies from a lagoon where the plane crashed.



A jubilant Evander Holyfield celebrates with his wife Janice after the fight. He said belief in Jesus helped him

Continued from page 1 lump of old, cold meat to feed to their shark. Afterwards, the softly-spoken new champi-on, wearing a "Jesus is Lord" baseball cap, offered an expla-

nation for his unexpected win: "I was washed up with everybody but I wasn't washed up with God. I told you, don't doubt Jesus." He also had the support of most of the capacity crowd of

16,325, who chanted his name as victory became more than the distant possibility it was when the fighters first swag-

'Old man' beats Tyson Holyfield knocked him down

gered into the ring. Holyfield arrived in a gown inscribed "Phil iv, 13", referring to a passage which reads: "I can do all things through Jesus, which strengthens me." No wonder his seconds stress the first syllable of his surname.

Holyfield, from Atlanta, becomes the only heavyweight other than Muhammad Ali to win the title three times. Tyson's confidence was shattered in the sixth round when

and bloodied his face. The

on his heart.

Tyson's feared left hook seemed to have been left in the gymnasium, or perhaps one of the flash hotel rooms or "lap-dancing" Manhattan bars he has tended to frequent since he returned to the ring after his spell in prison last March. The "Baddest Man on the

Planet" fought the bout at

punch landed, symbolically,

222lb (15st 12lb), the heaviest he has ever been. Tyson himself took his loss well: I am not a guy who makes excuses. He fought a

good fight and I look forward to a rematch," he said. Looking across to his vanquisher. he offered thanks for the contest, adding: "I have a lot of respect for you."

Tyson was paid \$30 million (£18.2 million) for the contest. while Holyfield went home with a cheque for \$11 million (£6.7 million) tucked into the champion's belt.

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Detectives fight move back to the beat

Hundreds of Scotland Yard detectives are fighting moves to return them to the beat. The Metropolitan Police want officers to move back to uniformed duties for two years after between seven and 15. years in a specialist job, to give others a chance of wider experience. The proposals. would affect up to 4,000 detectives and more than 1.500 officers in the firearms. unit, royalty and diplomatic protection, traffic and dog handling teams. Senior offi-cers have complained private-ly that the plans could-endanger highly trained teams and disrupt CID work.

Air crew hurt

Seventeen members of a British Airways crew were injured when their bus from Lusaka airport to their hotel was stoned as it massed through a student riot near the University of Zambia, the Foreign Office confirmed

Betieman honour

A small stone tablet commen orating the life and work of Sir John Betjeman, the Poet Laureate who died in 1984. was dedicated last night at Westminster Abbey, on a pillar in the south transept in Poer's Corner.

Vows renewed

Chris Wardman, 31, and his wife, Mandy, 29, repeated their marriage vows of Il years ago in a church at Guiseley, west Yorkshire, in the hope that it will help to rebuild the memory he lost in a car crash eight months ago.

Unsound case

A retrial has been ordered of a man convicted at Cardiff of attacking a police officer. The Court of Appeal ruled that because of a fault in the court tape-recorder, it could not be proved that the judge had made a proper summing-up.

Farmer crushed

A farmer found dead by his father near Ponsanooth. Cornwall, is believed to have been crushed when buils wall Colin Burley, aged 35. was divorced with

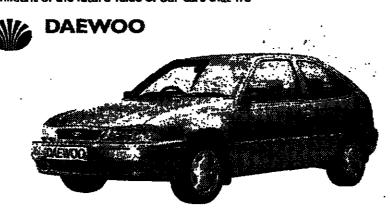
Fountain writ

A welder has issued a writdemanding that a metal fountain unveiled by the Queen in Stratford-upon-Avon on Friday be dismantled. He claims he contributed ideas to the design, but the plaque names only the sculptress.

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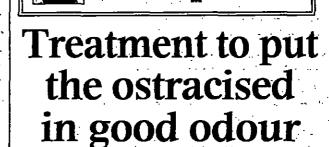
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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

TWICE in the past few weeks to make the man's body reek there have been reports of like rotting flesh. The paof their smell.

At the March Conservative Club in Cambridgeshire, the committee suspended a member for six months and expressed the wish that during this time he should have treatment for his feet, which smelt so badly that even when he was wearing clean socks, other members could not enjoy their drinks.

The problem of smelly feet occurs when acid forms as a result of dead skin being broken down by bacteria. When the feet are sweaty, the bacteria have a field day. The first line of treatment is to reduce foot dampness by wearing socks made of 60 or 70 per cent wool combined with 40 or 30 per cent manmade fibre.

The nature of the weave is

important: it has to be close. Cotton socks fail to mop up the sweat and all-wool socks become matted and claiming. If necessary, a second pair of the correct socks worn over the first provides additional absorption. If using medicated soaps, pumicing the dead skin of the

sole of the foot and investing in best-quality socks do not cure the problem, the March Conservative should also wear all-leather shoes rather than moulded plastic with rubber soles. A more serious problem has been reported this week in

The Lancet. A Cardiff man pricked his hand with a chicken bone while working in a meat-processing factory The hand became infected with Clostridium perfringens and started to smell. Soon the arm was smelling as well, and then the skin of the whole body. The smell is so intense that the patient has had to stop work, and his family find it difficult to be in the same room with him. Even specially absorbant clothing will not contain the odour.

Clostridium perfringens previously known as Clostridium welchii, was the cause of the notorious gas gangrene which infected wounded soldiers in the trenches during the First World War. It is still important on the home front, where it is the third most common cause of food poisoning.

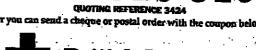
The strain of organism affecting the Cardiff man has been isolated and in the laboratory it is sensitive to antibiotics. Unfortunately, although the initial wound has been cured, enough of the organism survives on the skin

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Faith in horoscopes is a sign of moral decay, say churches

THE breakdown of family life and traditional moral values in Britain are linked to the widespread decline in churchgoing and orthodox belief, Church leaders claim today. It could be a sign that society is on the verge of disintegration,

they say.

Even practising Christians hold unorthodox. New Agestyle beliefs, further evidence thar society is in danger of losing touch with its Judaeo Christian roots, according to the report on the "search for faith". While most people still have spiritual beliefs, Britain is witnessing the upsurge of a. form of folk religion; epitomised by Mystic Meg

and horoscopes.

Many of these New-Age style beliefs have a Christian basis, but this could soon disappear because so few people go to church or have contact with orthodox Christianity, says the report, which looked at contemporary spiri-will be debated by the Church tuality, the pick-and-mix men-

of England General Synod next year. The Bishop of Rochester, the Right Rev Michael Nazir-Ali, chairman of the advisory group which produced it, said yesterday: "Civilisations have broken up in the past and we cannot be complacent that ours will not." He said the report was a challenge to the Churches to make sure that the barriers separating them from the

community were lowered. The group, which included representatives from all the mainstream Churches, consulted Christian and non-Christian academics in an attempt to discover why 70 per cent of people in Britain believed in God, but only 14 per cent went to church. The group, which met over four years, also attempted to explore the consequences of this "fragmentation" of belief.

Dr Nazir-Ali said: "We have looked at contemporary spiri-

tality." He said the study had provided evidence of surprising and worrying trends. "For some reason, a very

large number of people from a Roman Catholic background believe in reincarnation. But this belief is not limited to Catholics. Anglicans, in particular, excel at the pick-andmix mentality.

The report, The Search for Faith and the Witness of the Church, examines five areas of "post-modern life", includpeople belong to them, "implicit" folk and civic religion, contemporary spirituality, sci-ence and technology, and art and literature. Dr Nazir-Ali said: "The important point is that this is drifting belief. People are drifting away from Christian orthodoxy.

"It is becoming more eclectic. The more people move away from belonging to insti-tutions, the less do they have something to anchor their faith. People pick up all kinds of things. This drifting of belief is causing fragmentation, and is itself fragmentation. tion. We can see this personal and social fragmentation all

The report describes a "maze of choices" for those seeking a spiritual solution and asks: "What happens to people who search for faith, who travel on a spiritual journey, who encounter the gospel, but who do not join the Church? What are the barriers to belief? What of people who hear the Gospel but cannot or will not believe it? What of those who encounter the Christian message and respond, but do not want to join the Church?"

Dr Nazir-Ali cited the interest in environmental and ecological issues as an example of fragmentation. There is a whole spectrum of belief. ranging from concern about what is happening to the earth, to neo-paganism. Some might stop at thinking of the world as an ecosystem that needs to be protected. Some will think of the earth in a more personal way." This could even extend to thinking

of it as a god or goddess. The report cited the need for ultimate values and beliefs," the Bishop said. The postmodern fragmentation we are experiencing is also an opportunity for the Churches." He said the report did not argue for a theocracy, but he believed society must acknowledge that its basic moral and spiritual vision was inspired by the Judaeo-Christian tradition.



John Hemmingham, leader of the Kop band, is ready to boost its decibel power for the World Cup qualifier

Hoddle picks new players for England

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE England football team is expected to have its own band in the stand when it meets Italy at Wembley for the World Cop qualifier in the new year.
The band has been recruited by Glenn

strengthened with the addition of a horn John Hemmingham, leader of Sheffield Wednesday's Kop band, is waiting Hoddle, the team coach, who saw it performing for its home team, Sheffield to hear whether it will be invited back to

Wembley for February's match. An FA Wednesday. An experiment during the last Wembley international, against Poofficial said the chances were "more than land, was judged a success, although Mr possible". Mr Hemmingham, 33, a Hoddle decided that the band should be trumpeter and used-car salesman, said he would have four drummers, a trombonist, a saxophonist and a sousaphone player available for selection.

England match report, page 29

£50m sports fund aims to improve medal haul

By JOHN GOODBODY

UPTO £50 million a year will be made available from the National Lottery to pay leading athletes' expenses in an attempt to boost Britain's

sporting prowess. It is believed that some, especially in Olympic events. could receive up to £28,000 tax-free. Britain won only one gold medal at the Olympics in Atlanta this year, the weakest performance since 1952.

Details of the scheme, announced in April, will be confirmed on Thursday. The first applications are expected by January, with initial payments by March.

The scheme, called the World Class Performance Programme, will aid those who cannot earn money and often rely on parents and benefits: all will be means-tested.

Outstanding competitors would receive more cash than less successful athletes, but the amount would depend on income and individual requirements. Athletes will be able to claim for food, rent, equipment, travel and coaching fees, including going to specialist venues abroad. They may also apply for money to

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Shut the cathedral, says dean in feud

By A Staff Reporter

THE beleaguered Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, who has been involved in a feud with another senior dergyman, yesterday called for the cathedral to be closed for six months and exorcised, and for ... everyone from the bishop

down to be sacked. The clash centres on the acrimonious relationship beween Dr. Brandon Jackson and the Sub-Dean, Canon Rex Davis. Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has condemned it as a "scan-dal dishonouring the name of our Lord" and has called for both men to leave their posts.

Dr Jackson suggested the shutdown at a meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Synod. He said: "I'm calling for a clearout of the whole lot. That would include the bishop. The whole cathedral should be closed down for six months and exorcised."

Last year Dr Jackson was having an affair with the former verger. Verity Free-stone. 33, who is to begin a civil action this week alleging trespass against the person. He contests her claim... The dean said: The only

solution is for us all to go. The Church of England won't do it, because it likes to fudge

About 150 delegates repre-senting every Anglican church in the diocese discussed a

resolution submitted by Ray Snell, a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance. It was passed with four votes against and 20 abstensions. It said: "This synod expresses its grave concern at the failure of the dean and sub-dean of Lincoln to accede to the request by the archbishop that for the greater good of the cathedral and the wider Church, they should leave the

The disagreement between the two clergymen became public when Dr Jackson criticised Canon Davis and contacted the fraud squad after a fund-raising project involved a loss of £56,000. The scheme involved taking the cathedral's treasured copy of Magna Carta to an exhibition in

cathedral."



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Councils seek new law to aid innocent

HOUSING authorities want the Government to introduce legal reforms quickly to make it easier to evict violent and trouble-some tenants.

At present it takes at least 34 weeks to win an eviction through the courts, sometimes far longer. The association asked Lord Woolf's inquiry into civil justice procedures to "simplify and accelerate" the process.

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Lord Woolf agreed there was a need to protect witnesses and his final report recommended that proceedings should begin using unsigned statements. Local authorities want the Government to allow a neutral third party to interview vulnerable witnesses and give evidence for them. Jeanette York, of the Association of District Councils, said: "As landlords, the councils have to ahide by the law, which leans towards the ossailant rather than the victims."

Mother of murder victim receives death threats

BY DANIEL McGRO

THE mother of a young man who died after being assaulted in his front garden has received death threats a week after his attackers were convicted of murder.

Dorothy Erskine, 53, whose son Anthony, 19, died when he appealed to youths to stop harassing his father, has asked the local authority to evict the murderers families or help her to move.

Since their conviction, friends and relatives of Mark Hemmens, 20, and Damian Collins, I6, have allegedly gloated about taking revenge on Mrs Erskine's two other sons and her husband, Harry, who stood helplessly alongside Anthony the night he was attacked. Hemmens was jailed for life and Collins sentenced to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure for what Mr Justice Keene described as a "vicious, cowardly attack"

Sitting in her living-room beside photographs of her son, Mrs Erskine, born in Malta, said she could not understand why her family was suffering. These people have no con-



Anthony Erskine: killed by neighbours on estate

science," she said at the former council house which the family, devout Catholics, now owns on the Clopton estate in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. "They shout out to me they will put all my boys in coffins, and how can I take lightly such threats after what they have done?"

Her fears have grown since she found out that Collins's father, who lives three doors away, is to be released from prison next month. Police had to intervene when, allegedly, David Collins previously tried to attack the Erskine home

with a chainsaw. His wife, Sue, is serving eight months for trying to smuggle drugs to her eldest son. Leon, while he was in prison. Leon, 20. was convicted with his father for an attack on a neighbour. He was recently released and, within days, had allegedly threatened Mrs Erskine's teenage daughter, Natalie.

be wrong that I should give up my home, but what choice do I have?" She points to petitions going back nine years and the excuses she has received from councillors, explaining why they would not evict the handful of troublemakers who have blighted what was once an enviable estate to live on. "I will never forgive the official complacency, it took a murder to get our case heard, but how many more families suffer daily abuse and harassment and are just imported?"

Mrs Erskine said: "It must

and are just ignored?"

Mrs Erskine, a catering supervisor, says the family can find no buyers for the four-bedroom house, which was on the market for £60,000. The only option is to accept an offer from the housing authority. "It seems wrong they have to buy me out and

not move those who cause such pain to all our neighbours."

The South Warwickshire Housing Association, which took over control of the council housing stock a month ago, said: "We are aware of the distress, but we had to wait for the murder case to reach a verdict and now we can only go by the book."

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Jill Dill-Russell, A Stratford councillor, said: "It is extraordinary that, if you kill somebody, that is not grounds for automatic eviction, but if you damage the front door or something it can be."

Police have asked David Collins to leave the estate, but so far he refuses. Detective Inspector Peter Stanley, of Stratford police, said: "We do not want the Erskines to leave and will do everything in our power to stop any further harassment, but we cannot put a policeman on their doorstep for 24 hours a day."

Holding a picture of Antho-

ny, Mrs Erskine said: "I cannot take any more, but if I am forced to leave I will feel like I abandoned friends and neighbours. But I have lost enough."



Dorothy Erskine at her home. She is asking for the killers' families to be evicted

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Trains to welcome bikes back on board

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

TRAIN companies are drafting plans to win back cyclists' custom after 15 years of

hostility.
Several, including Great Western, Chiltern, Anglia and Thames, are preparing to allow more bicycles on trains and install secure lock-up facilities. Many are setting up bicycle hire shops at stations and some are considering tickets that would make it cheaper to travel with a hicycle than without.

cle than without.

Most companies believe they can attract more cyclists out of their cars and into trains by making bicycles more welcome. The new rail operators have also been issued with guidance from the Government to improve facilities for bicycles under its recent. National Carling

recent National Cycling Strategy.
One of the most pioneering, moves is being made by Anglia, which is modifying all 16 of its local, two-carriage, trains to carry bicycles, which will be welcome not only on off-peak but also on rush-hour services. If the new moves prove successful, the company may add a special carriage for bicycles.

Cornwall shaken awake by earthquake

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

TTALL

THE biggest earthquake to strike Britain this year knocked pictures off walls and cracked plaster in homes in west Cornwall yesterday. The tremor measured 3.8 on the Richter scale and was felt in towns and villages from

Padstow to Land's End.

A deep rumbling was heard during the 20-second tremor at 9.28am. Police were inundated with calls. Andrew Plenty. 22, of Prior Sands, near Penzance, said: "It woke me up and there were things falling off shelves. It was a

weird experience."
Richard Smith, manager of the Land's End Hotel, was woken as a picture fell off his wail. "It was very strong. The whole house shook, and there were people in the street afterwards trying to work out

The British Geological Survey said that about 300 tremors a year occurred in Britain, with about one a week strong enough to be felt. The largest earthquake this century, which registered 5.4 on the Richter scale, happened in North Wales in 1984. Last March a tremor measuring 3.4 on the Richter scale hit the village of Harmer Hill, north of Shrewsbury.

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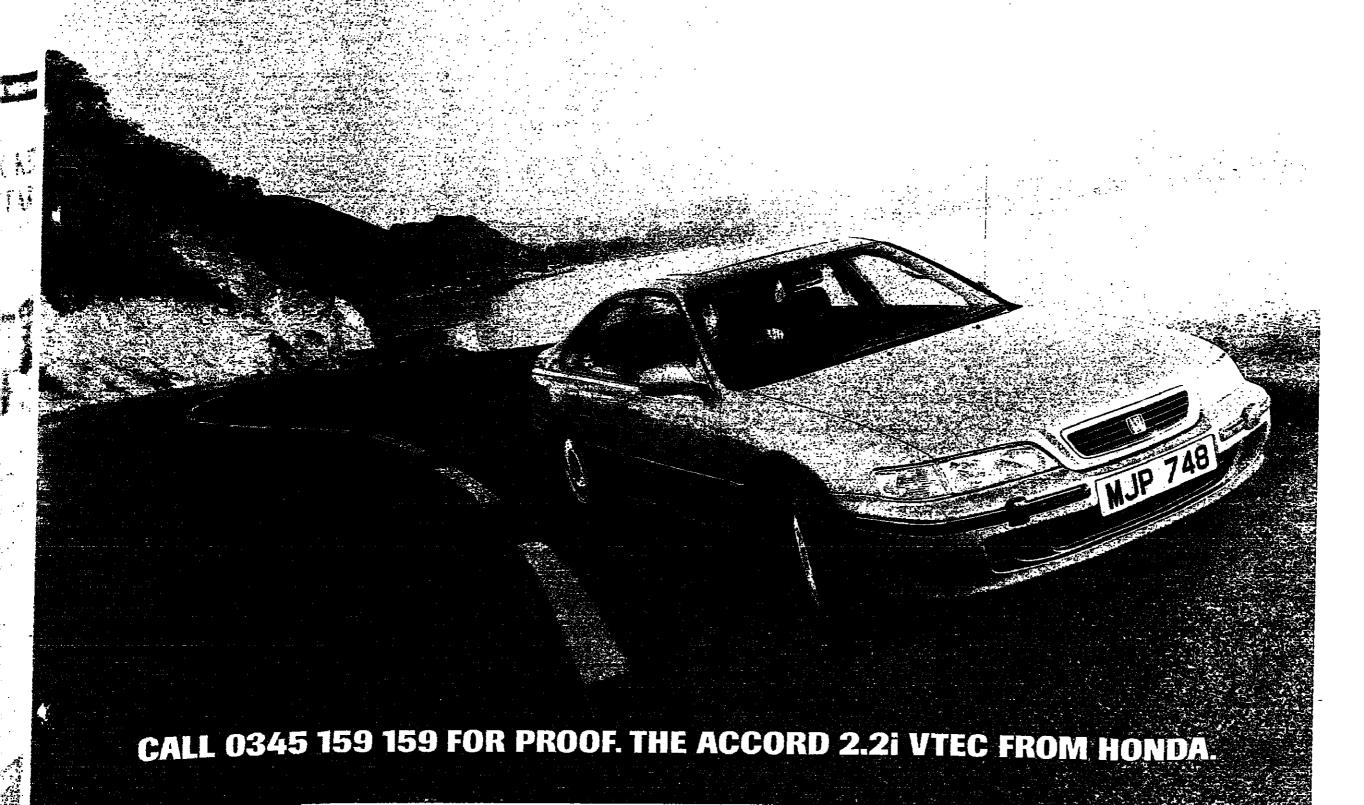
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Lewisham

jury voted

for end to

ban on

cannabis

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

A CITIZENS jury which was asked to recommend a drugs policy for an inner London borough called for the legalisation of cannabis, the

prescription of heroin to ad dicts and the rejection of til

message "Just say no". The south London borough

of Lewisham spent £23,000

assembling 16 locals to debate drug education and treatment

options. They were chosen on

grounds of sex, housing, work,

ethnicity and class. Although the council has been unable to fulfil the jury's wishes, the

results suggest that it was at

least representative of people

Citizens' juries are the new way to decide local issues, but critics fear they are unrepresentative

Power to the people - but who should speak for all?

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE growing use of "citizens" juries" by public authorities to help them to make decisions about local issues is causing alarm because too many jurors are unemployed or unrep-resentative of the population.

Groups of 12 to 16 members of the public are paid £200 by health authorities or town halls to spend four days considering a local problem. such as NHS services or the redesign of a shopping centre. Critics claim that decisionmaking can be distorted because some jurors are there only for the money, or because a small clique could have too

The use of juries as a method of democratic consultation - instead of commissioning an opinion poll or holding a public meeting was pioneered in the United States and Germany. It is already attracting interest from the Labour Party as a 'big idea" to challenge John Major's cherished Citizen's

been asked to consider important questions such as whether a town needs a hospice, where women should get cancer treatment and what general practitioner services are most acceptable to withdraw.

It costs about £20,000 to choose the members, employ professional moderators to guide their deliberations and produce a written report. They have no statutory powers. Previously councils relied on elected members combining their knowledge of the com-munity with the specialist advice of officials. Labour proposes to use the

jury system as a way to involve the public in shaping the future of the gas, electricity and water industries. Last week Pat McFadden, a member of Tony Blair's office team. met Ned Crosby, the Minneapolis flour-milling heir who spent his fortune pioneering the idea by getting cross-sections of the American public to probe difficult questions



A cross-section, but how representative? The jury members in Lewisham called for the legalisation of cannabis and for heroin on prescription

eluded politicians. The two met in London at the Institute for Public Policy Research in London, a Blairite think-tank that has helped to run juries in the health service and published an enthusiastic report on the concept.

Voices on the Left, however. are beginning to sound a note of caution. Frank Field, chairman of the Commons Social Security Committee, me is just how representative they are of the group they say they represent. There are already worries about juries in the legal system becoming unrepresentative, because people in work try to escape service on long trials. "We ought to be reforming the jury system and making it more representative," said Mr Field. Labour MP for Birkenhead, "not spreading its weaknesses

One woman who served on a pilot citizens' jury which influenced mental health care in Kensington, Westminster and Chelsea, said that more than a third of her fellow jurors had been jobless. "That wasn't representative," Shir-ley Benn said. "Perhaps they were there in order to augment their benefits."

Critics also fear the system

towards a desired conclusion. There are also worried about selection. Organisers make a profile of age, race, sex and location, to reflect the local population, but the weekday meetings exclude many work-

ing people.

When a pilot jury was selected to decide the future of waste management in West Hertfordshire, seven of the members admitted that they did not read any daily newspa-

pers. Ed Stanford, executive director of British Pharma Group, a health research organisation which paid for two NHS juries, said: "If people don't read newspapers, how do they form views? If you have a jury meeting on Tues-day and Wednesday, you take out a sizeable chunk of the population. You have to look

in the borough, 45 per cent of whom have used illegal drugs, 28 per cent in the past year.

Councillors have resisted backing the legalisation of cannabis, which is far beyond their powers anyway. The local health authority has yet to be convinced that it should begin prescribing heroin. The education programme requested by the jury, with the philosophy "Drugs are here to stay — teach young people how to take them safely, is too expensive. Walsali Health Authority at whether those views are representative of the commun-

had more reason to be pleased with its citizens' jury, which helped to defuse the issue of why the town had no hospice Health chiefs who said they could not afford one were pleased when the jury took the decision of declining to back calls to open one immediately. In Cambridge and Hunting don, jurors changed their

minds from believing that large amounts of money should be spent on pioneering treatment of patients such as Jaymee Bowen, and instead decided to give priority to better treatment of minor

Notable triumphs for popular will in Germany and US

GERMANY and the United States have used citizens' juries for the past 20 years to settle topics that have ranged from reducing teenage abortions to the siting of a

In Cologne, jurors rejected the city council's entire range of choices for a new civic hall and insisted upon a design featuring

The juries, which are known in Germany as planning cells, are used by local and national government to test public opinion on construction projects.

They have passed judgment on such controversial questions as the routes of motorways and bypasses, and sometimes have scored notable victories for the people.

American citizens' juries have

tackled a wider range of subjects than their German counterparts. Nationally they have included President Clinton's health care reforms and, at state level, welfare policy and teenage crime.

ese was the 1989 jury on at-risk children in New Haven region of Connecticut. It explored why teenage unemployment, crime and abortion were consistently high in

the region. The jury pinpointed the areas of greatest need and came up with the disarmingly common-sense suggestion that children should be involved in the decisions that directly affected them.

Political parties have also used the juries to rate candidates running for public offices such as senator, mayor or state governor. In Germany, jurors are selected at random from the electoral

register to make up a planning cell of 25, dividing into groups of five for more detailed discussions. By contrast, juries in the United

States are carefully engineered, using telephone surveys to represent a cross-section of society. Age, race, gender, and education are all considered. The cost of the setting up and

for loss of earnings, payments to employers and the provision of childcare. running the juries range from £13,000 for a local project in

MPs end 200 years of secrecy

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLIFICAL CORRESPONDENT POLITICAL and television committees private delibera- three hours, Mr Willetts will

ional jury in America. In both countries, deliberations last from

four to six days and participants

are paid for their time. American

jurors receive between \$75 and

\$100 (£47 to £62) a day, plus

German jurors are compensated

25 OI MIS disciplinary "court" are broadcast. For the first time, cameras will be allowed into a hearing of the Commons' most powerful committee, which can recommend an MP's suspension or even expulsion

from Parliament The Standards and Privileges Select Committee and the disciplinary committees that preceded it have been curbed by rules of secrecy for more than 200 years. Even cash-for-questions allegations, discussion in public of the He will give evidence for up to

history will be made tonight tions can technically place an be asked to explain a conver-MP in contempt of the Boothroyd, the Speaker, de

manded openness in investi-

gations of allegations against MPs, the committee has agreed to open its doors. Committee Room 15 and an overspill television room will be packed with members of the media and public as David Willetts, the Paymaster General, explains his role in an earlier Commons inquiry into

whip with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, the former chairman of the now-defunct Members' Interests Select Committee, who will also give evidence tonight. Labour claims that a note

written by Mr Willetts suggests that he tried to persuade Sir Geoffrey to defer an inquiry into allegations that Neil Hamilton, the former Trade Minister, accepted gifts from Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods.





Britain knew Jews were being killed 'before Auschwitz'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BRITISH intelligence knew about the widespread massacre of Jews in the Second World War as early as 1941, according to newly released records of decoded German

The 1.3 million pages of intercepted German messages also provide evidence that much of the killing in the early years of the war was carried out by ordinary German police units, not the SS.

The transcripts of the secret British code-breaking operation known as Ultra intercepts, disclosed in The Washington Post, are among the earliest records of the systematic killing of European Jews by German forces. The extraordinary thing about these documents is that they contain new information both about the Holocaust itself and what the West knew about the Holocaust," Richard Breitman, a history professor, told

Mr Breitman used the Freedom of Information Act to request the records from the National Security Agency, which had received the documents from Britain. The intercepts, which are headed "Most Secret. To be kept under lock and key: never to be removed from the office", are still secret in Britain.

The code-breaking records, which cover short periods between July and September 1941, are particularly valuable because the early stages of the war are poorly documented. After Hitler's invasion of Russia on June 22, British intelligence had a spell of success in cracking the codes of cables sent by German commanders in Russia back to Berlin.

The documents suggest that the Russian invasion triggered systematic killing of Jews, well before the concentration camps at Buchenwald and Auschwitz began operating in 1942. Mr Breitman also argues, contrary to conventional wisdom, that it was the municipal squads of Order Police who were primarily responsible for the killing in the early stages of the war.

The documents will revive controversy about whether Western governments ignored intelligence about atrocities against the Jews, concentrating on enemy troop deployments. They will also fuel demands for a rise in estimates of the number of Jews killed in the war. Mr Breitman, who argues that the total could be closer to seven million than the usual estimate of six million, says that half a million Jews were killed in the Soviet Union in the last six months of 1940.

One cable, filed to Berlin from Belarus by Commander Erich van dem Bach-Zelewski on July 18, 1941, reported: "In yesterday's cleansing action in Slonim [Belarus], carried out by police regiment centre, 1,153 Jewish plunderers were shot." Another, from Ukraine on August 27, reports that Order Police Battalion 320 shot 4,200 Jews near the town of Kamenets-Podolsk: four days later, it reported another 2,200

At the same time, historians are starting to wade through 15,000 pages of Russian documents on the same period of the war, turned over last month by the Russian Gov-ernment to the US Holocaust Museum. They are expected to provide an exceptionally full picture of the months of the invasion. As well as intelligence reports, they include interviews with witnesses compiled by a Soviet war crimes commission after the



Naina Yeltsin talks to Renat Akchurin, the surgeon who carried out her husband's quintuple bypass operation. He admitted there had been times when he thought surgery would have to be cancelled completely. Doctors said yesterday that President Yeltsin's condition was satisfactory, but he is expected to remain in hospital for ten more days

Spain's fiery fisheries minister

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID gathering of European Union

aims to calm troubled waters

SPAIN'S hardline Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Loyola de Palacio, flies to London today for bridgebuilding talks with her British ministerial counterparts. Tony Baldry and Douglas

Uppermost on the agenda is the festering dispute over the question of "quota-hopping" Spanish trawlers. Britfisheries department officials are predicting a generally less hostile approach at today's meeting from Senora de Palacio, who lost her temper with Mr Baldry in Luxembourg last month at the

fisheries ministers. Under the abrasive Señora de Palacio, a lawyer on the Right of the ruling Popular Party, fisheries has drawn level with Gibraltar as an obstacle to better Anglo-Spanish ties. By transferring 3 per cent of its fishing fleet to the British flag. Spain has been able to claim its fleet has been reduced. Meanwhile, Britain is resisting EU moves to cut fleets further until "quota-hopping"

is outlawed. Señora de Palacio needs desperately to settle the question. Spain owns a third of Europe's fishing fleet (not counting "quota-hoppers"), and some 2,300 Spanish vessels depend for their catch on foreign waters.

Spain is, however, beginning to appreciate that a refusal to compromise might be counter-productive. Señora de Palacio will be seeking British support for her country's long-term aim of safeguarding its agricultural sector from reductions in EU support once countries such as Poland become members. It has already sought similar assurances from France and



An anti-tax protester raises an effigy of a Prodi-Pinocchio

Protests threaten Prodi hopes of joining EMU

From Richard Owen in rome

ITALY'S Herculean attempt to ioin the European single currency was in turmoil last night after the right-wing opposition mobilised hundreds of thousands of supporters in Rome at the weekend to protest at planned tax rises.

Talks between the Government and opposition to find a compromise before the budget vote next week broke down last night, and President Scalfaro appealed for "calm

and dialogue". Vincenzo Visco, the Finance Minister, had suggested that the tax increases — designed to help Italy to meet the Maastricht parameters for a single currency - could be separated from other budget provisions and discussed in

Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and former Prime Minister who leads the opposition as head of Forza Italia, saw this as a climbdown. But Professor Romano Prodi, leader of the Centre Left government, said that any compro-

mises by the Government 'would not be a direct result" of the demonstrations. He said "significant minority" had protested, but was clearly shaken by the turnout.

Earlier Signor Berlusconi told a rally at San Giovanni Lateran that Italian democracy was "in danger" and the Prodi government should "go

Signor Prodi said he was willing to negotiate "modification" to the budget with the opposition before the final vote in the Lower House at the end of next week. Rally organisers said a million people had responded to their call for protests against the 1997 draft budget which is designed to meet Maastricht parameters. But police and the media

put the numbers at around half a million. The Left mocked the well-heeled demonstrators, many dressed in sums and ties or designer casual clothes.

Signor Berlusconi said the austerity budget, which in-

cludes a special one-off "Euro tax", "is not going to get us into Europe anyway. We demand that it be dropped". At one stage Signor Berlusconi lost his temper, accusing Channel Three of RAI. Italian state television, of "Leftish" coverage demonstration.

But Lucia Annunziata, the head of Channel Three news. said the station had provided full coverage, showing effigies carried by demonstrators of Signor Prodi as Pinocchio, the wooden puppet whose nose grows longer the more he lies.

New York: The European Union runs the risk of higher unemployment and interest rates as it moves toward a common currency, the financial rating firm Standard and Poor's warned. It said "there is a very real risk that for countries at the heart of Europe — Germany, France and The Netherlands — interest rates will rise" in the early stages of adopting the so-

called euro currency. (AFP)

Moscow cemetery bombing kills 13

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

A REMOTE-controlled bomb cut through a packed group of mourners in a Moscow cemetery yesterday, killing 13 and wounding 16, in Russia's worst act of gangland

Witnesses at Kotlyakovskoe cemetery said the device went off as scores of people paid their respects at the graveside of Mikhail Likhodei. the controversial head of an Afghan war veterans' charity, who was himself murdered in a bomb explosion two years ago. His widow and his successor in the job were among yesterday's dead.

"We come here every year to pay our respects," said Alisha. a tearful witness, who clung desperately to her grandson. who narrowly escaped injury. This time there were about 150 people by the grave when suddenly there was a huge explosion and black smoke. It was total devastation. These people have no respect. It was an act of pure evil."

The power of the blast was so great that one victim, who took its full force, was blown 30 yards away.

Colonel Stanislav Zhorin of the Federal Security Service, the secret police, said the bomb, the equivalent of 51b of TNT, was hidden under a table beside the grave and set off by a control wire that ran 40 yards from the site. "It was probably linked to the settling of old scores." he said.

Like several charities, the Afghan War Invalids' Foundation receives tax exemptions from the Government to help it to finance its assistance to some 14,000 wounded veterans. Because of their access to duty-free imports, the charities have become deeply involved with the mafia. Mr Likhodei was killed after a struggle for control of the Foundation with Valeri Radchikov, himself seriously wounded in a recent assassination attempt.

Even by the standards of Moscow's gangsters yesterday's bombing set a grisly new record. This latest incident in a series of gangland killings will increase pressure for a crackdown on organised crime, out of control since the collapse of

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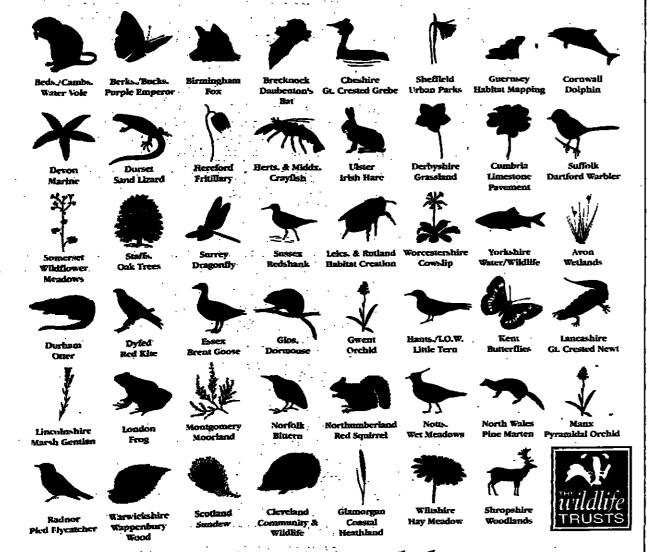
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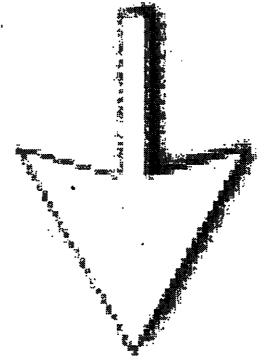
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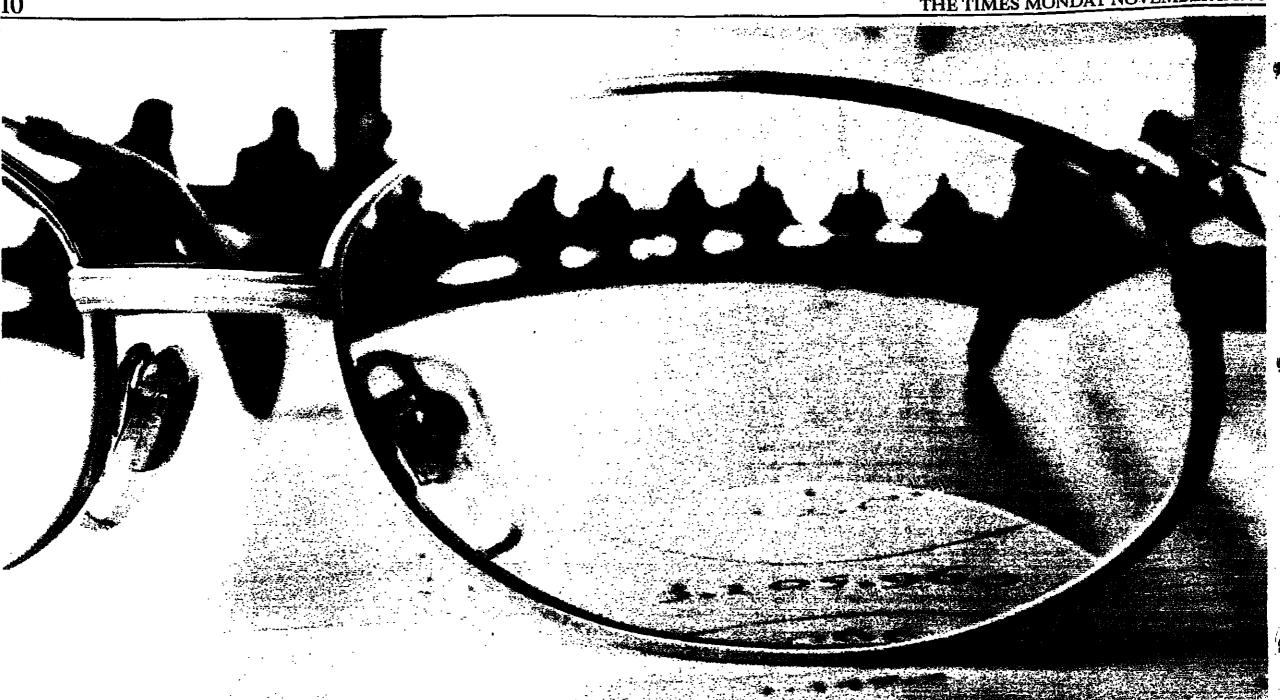


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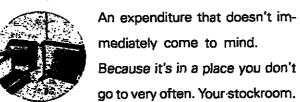
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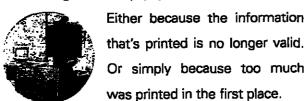
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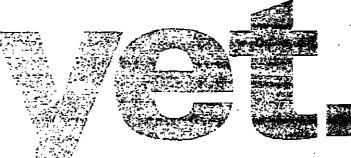
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America holds the high-tech key to global humanitarian intervention

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thing undefined called

"Europe" to firefight in crises without needing US help.

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history to argue for supra-national, col-

couple of years ago the Italian Prime Minis-ter decided to appoint one of the country's more unusual politicians, Emma Bonino, as a European Commissioner. The embarrassed officials of Silvio Berlusconi had difficulty in locating their new appointee to give her the good news: she was eventually found parading with a sandwich hoard outside the

United Nations in New York. Last weekend, Signora Bonino, now in charge of fish, consumer law and humanitarian aid in Brussels was again railing at her



tary task force were a "scan-

fiery indignation, people such as Malcolm Rifkind, the For-eign Secretary, retreat into lawyerly talk about how sending troops has not been ruled out, how it all needs deeper study and how there will be another meeting soon. His completely frank answer to Signora Bonino would be "British troops will go to Zaire over my dead body - or at the very worst only with plenty of American help, which we won't get And I

lective solutions to the world's problems, wants a European Union army. A sleep just fine, thank you." recent head of the German The wide gap between army once looked forward to what voters say they want governments to do and what the day when his nation's soldiers would take an oath they are prepared to pay for of allegiance to the EU flag. So much for the debate on

capitalised and becoming more so with every cut in public expenditure made by governments trying to qualify

for the single currency.
In the EU, only Britain,
France and Greece spend more than 3 per cent of their gross domestic product on defence; most states spend less than 2 per cent. The American figure is 3.9 per cent. The US spends 17 per cent of its military budget on the leading priority for the next century, information technology and communica-tions, while Europeans spend 4 per cent. There are no

European satellites with radar or infra-red sensors, nor likely to be. There are precious few imaginable military deployments which Europe could manage without American help. Zaire plainly is not one of them.

ast summer, the 16 gov-ernments of Nato signed a document in Berlin which ingeniously managed to accommodate everybody. The document talked a great deal about European defence, while carefully ensuring that no European deployment decision can ever be taken without American agreement or

sound military advice. Armies cannot be flung round the globe at the whim of a Signora Bonino

Aside from her, everybody is happy. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, can talk, as he did last week, about creating an EU defence policy over the next decade. He can even write it into the Maastricht treaty: it will not change what happens. Events will show that some of the deepest European integration is taking place in the "Atlantic" alliance, where multinational teams of officers rehearse endlessly for emergencies involving their coun-try's survival or for ethnic

AN EFFORT by the United

Nations to save the lives of

refugees uprooted by the fight-

ing in eastern Zaire ran into obstacles at the weekend as

Rwanda and Zaire apparently

sought to impose conditions

Raymond Chrétien, the UN

special envoy, expressed an-

noyance after talks with offici-

als in Rwanda and Zaire. "It is

very frustrating to see more

obstacles than attempts at

Mr Chrétien, Canadian

Ambassador to the United

States and his country's for-

mer representative to the

countries of the Great Lakes

region, said he had proposed a

plan that would not be easy for

Zaire to accept. Zaire is

reluctant to allow the refugees

to regroup in camps on its

territory. It also wants the UN

to condemn Rwanda's support

for ethnic Tutsi rebels in the

The results of Mr Chrétien's

mission will be fed into a

report by Boutros Boutros

Ghali, the UN Secretary-Gen-

eral, on the possible role of

a multinational intervention

force, due to be delivered by

November 20. The report was

requested by the UN Security

Council in a resolution adopt-

ed on Saturday which fell

short of authorising foreign military intervention.

France had wanted immedi-

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on outside intervention.

solutions," he said.

Herzegovina. Military policy on Bosnia is made by informal consultation between America, Britain and France. Three years ago this month, I wrote a think-tank pamphlet. The Eurovision Defence Contest, which sug-gested the way out of the EU-Nato deadlock would be a close defence understanding between Washington, Lon-don and Paris. While I never believed this would happen and I am sure my advice went unheeded, something of the

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4,000 to 5,000 men to provide

a buffer between the warring factions on Zaire's border with

Rwanda. France and Spain have each offered to provide

1,000 troops. America and

Britain remain sceptical, how-

ever, about any military inter-

vention that does not enable

refugees to return home to

mandate of a force, the Sec-

urity Council simply asked

governments to prepare for the despatch of a "humanitar-

ian task force" with the objec-

tives of getting aid to the

refugees and preparing for

America seemed to be mov-

ing towards a decision to

provide airlift and other logis-

tical support for military inter-

vention, but no ground troops. There is an emerging inter-

national consensus that hu-

manitarian intervention will

be necessary," a US official

said. "There is also an emerg-

ing consensus that, to be

effective, a humanitarian in-

tervention will require a sec-

urity component. We are

studying what role the US

might play as part of such a

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With no consensus on the

Rwanda and Burundi,

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was won by good sense.

UN effort to help

refugees runs

into the buffers

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

extremists go on killing spree

EXTREMIST Hutu refugees murdered Zairean hostages and slaughtered villagers in a fit of revenge before abandoning a vast eastern Zaire camp

Eleven villagers, including a mother and her two children, a boy, four, and a girl, six, were burnt alive on October 29 in the Care Australia medical centre in Katale Camp, 30 miles north of Goma. They had been abducted at gonpoint from the nearby Rutabe village by members of the Interahamwe, the murderous Rwandan Hutu militia.

Another 18 people were slaughtered the next day inside their home in Rutabe itself when gunmen locked them into a building and riddled it with builets. There was one survivor, a woman aged 44, who was shot three

times in a thigh.
Hundreds of children and thousands of other civilians have been kidnapped by the Interchamwe to act as a human shield inside Mugunga Camp, where they are now concentrated.

The scenes in Katale explain why the rebels called a ceasefire to allow aid into Mingenga five days ago. The closer to defeat the Hutu extremists hecome. They fied Katale the

Led by Mwamba Alafay, a peasant farmer, Zainesa villagers were tipping dirt on to the corpses in the ashes of the Katale medical course wall they could by given a decest burial. He had had a busy week. Three days believe the for those killed in the village,

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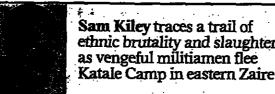
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were buried four days ago.



Tutsis and Hutu moderates in 1994. A former government official in the capital, Kigali, he once boasted to the Red Cross that he had organised the burial of 60,000 Tutsis there, 17 per cent of the prewar population, all murdered beeen April and June.

After fleeing to Zaire to es-cape the Tutsi-dominated rebel army's advance and setting up in Karale as its chief, he said: "Why does everyone talk of genocide? There are numerous Tutsis left alive. We have not finished."

Under the control of men such as this, half a million Hutu refugees from Rwanda are now scattering from the camps they have abandoned in north Kivu.

No effort was made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to separate the civilians from their extremist leaders. Instead £1.5 billion was pumped into the camps so that the refugees could be given free medical care, free and clean water close to home, free education and free food. Their hosts, the Zaireans, who are their latest victims, continued to toil in their fields, with no access to

Tembo Vyande joined about 2,000 Zairean peasants in collecting plastic sheeting and the pots and pans left behind when the refugees fled. "It is better for us now that the refugees have gone. They were ing the food while we were going hungry. They were very nasty to us," he said. Many of the Rwandan



A Rwandan waits to cross the Zairean border in Gisenvi to return to her home

else? I'm going home.

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Sam Kiley traces a trail of ethnic brutality and slaughter as vengeful militiamen flee ahead of a rebel advance.

> Interahamse set it alight," he said, as a barefooted boy, no more than ten years old. tipped another cardboard box full of earth on the body of the mother. We knew all the dead. They were our neighbours. I cannot understand why they should do this." Josephina Katingu, 44, sat

told how the Internhamme arrived at her home on October 30. They came at about zine at night. We heard them coming and so locked our-selves into the house. They tried the door but it would not give way so they fired into the building, they just kept firing," she said, showing the three bullet holes that ran up her thigh to her buttocks. She was the only survivor. The others, all members of her family,

Katale Camp was run by François Karera, one of the most infamous killers in the ghaer of a million

Interahamore-policed camps.

Hutus now fleeing as far as Zambia, Tanzania, and to Kisangani, further into Zaire's interior, are innocent. Some escaped the grip of the militia, who had insisted they head to Mugunga and flee into the dense Virunga Forest.

Over the weekend a few hundred shuffled into Goma. "Where are you going?" they were asked. With a smile of relief one man replied: "To Rwanda, of course, where Issued by Midland Bank old. Suzanne is a fictional character but her story is based upon a real Midland customer. Lines are onen 24 hours a day seven days a work

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Extremist settlers held in Hebron

ISRAELI security forces yesterday began arresting Jewish extremists in Hebron, after warnings that they plan to use violence to scuttle a redeploy-ment of troops in the West Bank town.

Noam Federman, a former spokesman for Kach, the outlawed anti-Arab underground movement, became the first to be arrested in an early moming raid on his home. Mr Federman and two other men were placed under administrative detention. His wife, Elisheva, said her husband would be held without trial for two months.

The arrests came a day after thousands of Israelis marched through Hebron in support of a small Jewish settlement there. A counter-demonstration by a group of Israeli Arabs clashed with Jews and police, who said the protest had not been co-ordinated with them and was therefore illegal. After calm was re-stored, Avigdor Kahalani, the Israeli Internal Security Minright-wing activists from Hebron and elsewhere in the West Bank would be arrested before the troop movements. Israeli troops yesterday shot dead a Palestinian man and wounded it people during a

clash with Arabs attempting to demonstrate against land confiscation on the West Bank.

The violence empted after soldiers stopped a crowd of 200 Palestinians on their way

to protest over seizure of land

for a Jewish settlement.

Pope to follow in footsteps of Moses

FROM RICHARD OWEN

THE Pope presided over a Mass and open-air concert in St Peter's Square yesterday at the climax of week-long celebrations marking the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and vowed to "follow in the foosteps of Moses and Abraham" by making a tour of the Middle East.

The pontiff, 76, who underwent an appendectomy a month ago, presided over a Mass with nearly 2,000 dergy, including five cardinals were also ordained in 1946. Jewish, Muslim and Christian singers sang a mod-ern anthem while white doves were released.

The Pope showed no sign of relaxing his sternly conservative views, launching yet another attack on contraception as "an instrument of false that his bodily powers were "ebbing away with the pass-ing of the years". But he promised to continue in office as long as God wills" and said jokingly that he had no sympathy with Jeremiah's la-ment "Oh Lord, I cannot speak for 1 am old"

In Corriere della Sera. Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican spokesman, said that the Pope was planning at least five trips abroad next year. He was also determined to follow in the footsteps of Abraham and Moses" by visiting the main biblical sites, including Egypt, Mount Sinai, Jordan, Beihlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Syria and

Glenys Kinnock smuggles Suu Kyi video from Burma

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

British MEP, posed as a Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader, in Rangoon.

At a Brussels press conference yesterday, Mrs Kinnock described her secret trip and how she smuggled out evidence against the Burmese Government. She had to make her first contact with democracy campaigners in a women's lavatory in Rangoon. Mrs Kinnock, MEP for

South Wales East and the wife of the former Labour leader, has been an outspoken critic of the Burmese authorities. She said she arrived in the city on Friday on an ordinary tourist visa obtained in Bangkok. It gave her occupation as

"It was a very unpleasant atmosphere and a very tense trip," said Mrs Kinnock, who was accompanied by Glyn Ford, the MEP for Greater Manchester East. "They had no idea who we were, but we still felt very uneasy.

She videotaped an interview with Daw Suu Kyi and smuggled it out of the country in her handbag. "We could not meet people openly and we always had to make sure we were not being followed. I was particularly anxious about the possibility that the authorities might take the videotape off

me," she said. Copies of the tape will be available to MEPs in Strasbourg this week, with the aim of mustering support for a European Union investigation into labour conditions in Burma and to end the preferential tariffs that the country enjoys under an EU system designed

GLENYS KINNOCK, the to encourage developing na- admitted he had been paid to tions to manufacture and export. Mrs Kinnock said she and Mr Ford had delivered a message of support from Europe to Daw Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

> On Saturday, the Burmese opposition leader emerged unscathed from an attack by stone-throwers as she went to meet hundreds of supporters who were barred by police from gathering outside her home. A mob of some 200 Burmese had rounded on her convoy after she left her house in the afternoon, smashing

> windows and denting a car. At a hastily organised press conference in Bangkok on her way home, Mrs Kinnock, who had left Daw Suu Kyi's home two hours before the attack, said that the assailants were nothing more than a gang of orchestrated government" thugs". News agency reports quoted an unnamed diplomat as saying that one of the mob

Before catching a Brusselsbound flight in Bangkok, Mrs Kinnock said: "Aung San Suu Kyi is committed to passive resistance to the Slore regime. She is very concerned at the prospect of future violence." Mrs Kinnock added that the

democracy leader was insistent that the imposition of international sanctions on Burma was the right course of action, despite Britain, France and other Western governments being against a trade blockade.

take part in the demonstra-

tion, led by Burmese carrying walkie-talkie radios - nor-

mally used by Military Intelli-gence and forbidden to

members of the public. The

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Kyi's house in University

Mrs Kinnock said: "Aung

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San Suu Kyi had told us she was determined to go out and

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has done more for the cause of

democracy than all the recent

lobbying by pro-democracy

groups put together."

What the Burmese Gov-

movement for democracy.

Avenue, Rangoon.

During her Rangoon visit, Mrs Kinnock visited a satellite town. Areas off the tourist track were horrific, she said, adding: "I have never seen such deprivation and such malnourished children.



Catherine McGrath, an Australian journalist, walks from a police station with East Timor activists in Kuala Lumpur. She was freed last night

'Bloodbath' fears at East Timor protest rally

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

AN Australian and a Japanese deported by Malaysia for attending a conference - timed to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the so-called Dili massacre on East Timor - said last night that they feared "a bloodbath" when screaming Malaysian

youths broke up the meeting.

Andrew McNaughtan, 42, and Ihiro Kimura, 21, were flown to Manila after Kuala Lumpur expelled 46 foreigners. The Malaysian Government had refused to sanction the

meeting for fear of harming ties with Indonesia, which invaded East Timor in 1975 and annexed it the next year.

Mr McNaughton, convenor of the Australia East Timor Association in New South Wales, said the meeting on Saturday in a Kuala Lumpur hotel had just begun when members of a Malaysian youth group allied to the ruling coalition stormed in and broke it up. "They ran amok," Mr McNaughtan said. "I was very frightened . . . a spark at any moment and it could have turned into a bloodbath." Malaysia denied it had backed the

An Australian delegation to the conference included a Roman Catholic bishop, a doctor and an East Timorese lecturer who is studying for his PhD at Adelaide University. Other overseas representatives included four Americans, three Japanese and two Sri Lankans.

Fifty-nine Malaysians were also detained by police, who have been given four days to bring charges. A correspondent for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Catherine McGrath, was arrested while covering the meeting. She was among a group of 20 women released later.

The Manila Times attacked the incident in an editorial entitled "Shame, shame, shame". East Timorese support groups in Australia condenned Malaysia for deporting those attending the conference. At a rally in Perfh, one of the organisers, Rob South, said Australia should be telling the Malaysian Government it strongly

opposed its action. John Howard, Australia's Prime Minister, described the detention of the foreigners as unfortunate, but pointed out that they had broken the country's rules by attending the

Corrupt MPs to face Pakistan polls bar

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

ernment promised yesterday the general election that it said would go ahead as planned on

February 3. A preliminary examination of government finances has exposed what appears to be a greater plunder of the nation's wealth over the past three years than anybody had imagined. There is widespread speculation that the election will be delayed, possibly for a prolonged period, while the anti-corruption drive seeks to bring huge numbers of government officials and politicians to book.

It will be almost impossible to complete the process by

PAKISTAN'S caretaker Gov- February. Conducted properly, the purge would amount to political establishment since the end of martial law a decade ago. Every political party is nervous at what might be uncovered. The accountability process, as it is called.

Glenys Kinnock: wants

could decimate all of them. There are thus powerful vested interests in seeing it curtailed and the acting Government is bound to meet resistance as it seeks to expose influential figures. Asif Zar-dari, husband of Benazir Bhutto, the ousted Prime Minister, is still in custody 30 miles outside Islamabad while preliminary investigations are held into his financial conduct. - WORLD SUMMARY

Chinese 'red prince' condemned

Hong Kong: For the first time one of China's notorious "Red Princes", the offspring of the country's leaders, has been condemned to death, although the sentence has been suspended for two years (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

The sentence on Zhou Beifang, reported at the week-end by Peking sources but not mentioned in the local press, is also a further blow by the regime to the reputation of Deng Xiaoping. the 92-yearold and virtually moribund Senior Leader. Zhou is the son of Zhou Guanwu, one of Mr Deng's civil war comrades.

Mladic relieved of command

General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian-Serb army com-mander indicted for war crimes and wanted by the International War Crimes Tribunal, has been relieved of his post as the Commander of the General Staff (Dessa Trevisan writesi. Maior-General Pero Colic was sworn in as his successor at a ceremony in

Heavy firing on Kabul front

Kabul: Heavy exchanges of rocket and artillery fire raged along the front line north of Kabul, but there was no sign of any breakthrough by either side in Alghanistan's civil war. Taleban militia gunners launched a barrage on opposition forces, who responded with air attacks on Taleban positions, (Reuter)

Algiers bomb blast kills 15

Algiers: Muslim fundamentalists killed 15 people and wounded more than 30, including many children, in a car bomb attack on a bus taking workers to their jobs in the Algerian capital, security forces said. The bus was going past a schoolwhen it was blown apart. (AP, Reuter)

Ailing Sinatra leaves hospital

Los Angeles: Frank Sinatra, 80, who spent eight days in a medical centre amid reports that he was suffering pneumonia and heart problems, has returned home after what a spokesman and hospital officials said was treatment of a

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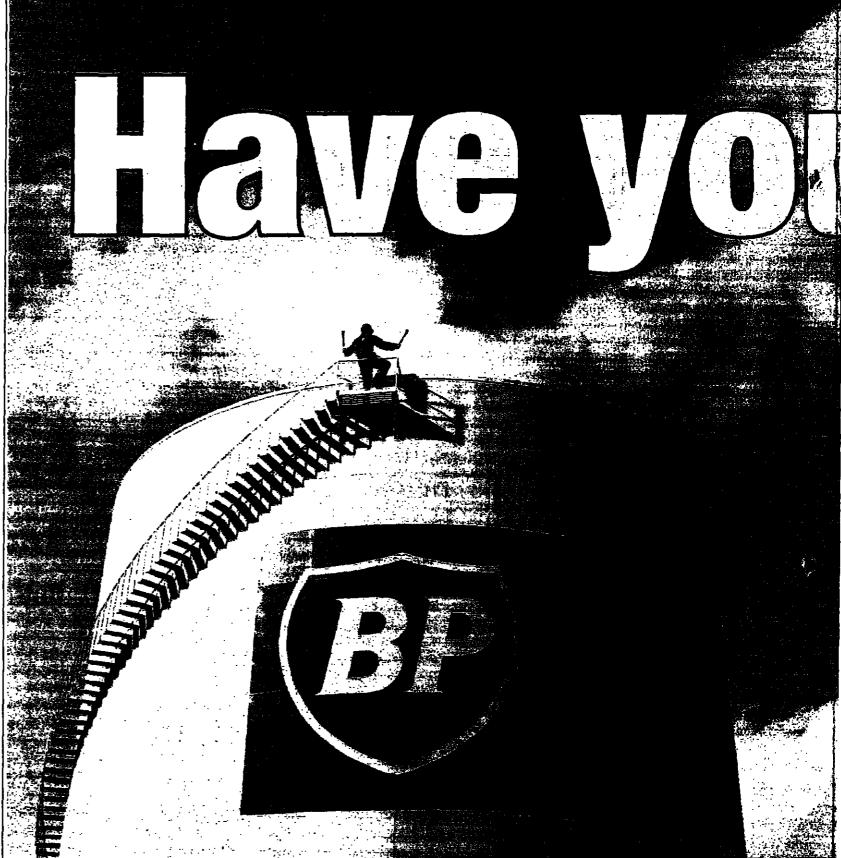
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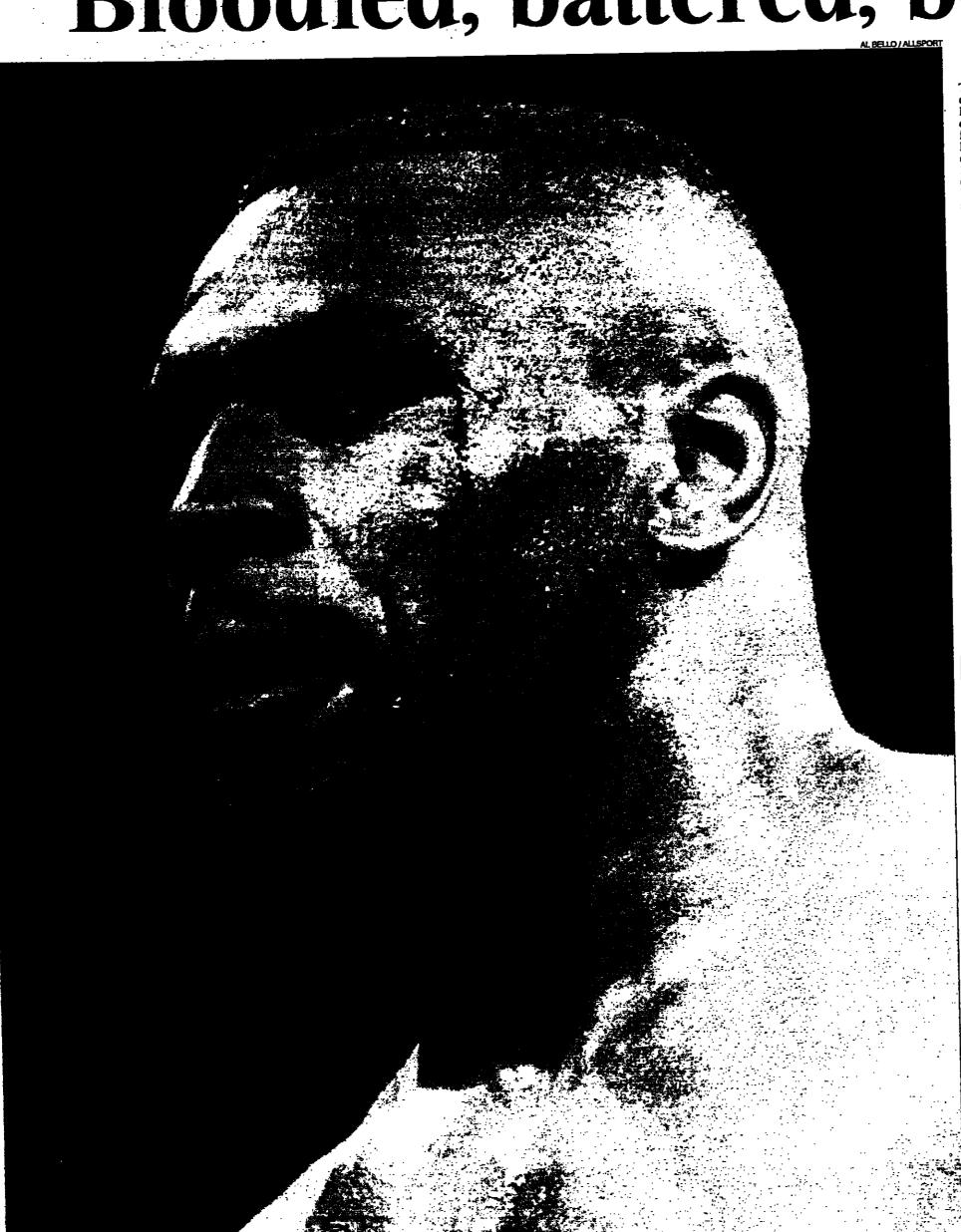
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Bloodied, battered, beaten



FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN LAS VEGAS

THE heavyweight division came out of the shadow of Mike Tyson here early yesterday, a shadow as dark and forbidding as his scowl when he was being shown to his corner after being stopped by
Evander Holyfield in the eleventh round of their World Boxing Association championship contest.

For the past nine years, the division had been dominated by Tyson, so mesmerised were the luminaries of the sport by the eyes of the man who could freeze the blood of his opponents with a stare.

Boxing people did not even realise that they were living in a shadowy world in more ways than one, where good heavyweights such as Lennox Lewis, Riddick Bowe and Tim Witherspoon were marginalised in case they tested Tyson and ended the cozy arrangement that brought him and the alphabet men

millions. From his his four previous bouts, Tyson made \$105 million (about £68 million), but. at MGM Grand Garden, that ended. Before 15.000 people. Holyfield let in the light. He exposed Tyson's world of bullving and bluster by giving him the pasting of his life.

Holyfield's victory was doubly exhilarating because he is quiet and modest man. A Christian, he said afterwards: "I've prayed all my life. I have never in my life had any dislike for Mike. I just got love for everybody. I wanted to be

the world heavyweight champion by fighting the best man. I prepared myself to meet the best man. I prayed all the time I trained. I prayed when I was fighting him. When I come to

fight. I bring everything with

Tyson, who is usually surly at press conferences and gives journalists short answers before a quick departure, sat dabbing his sore head with a towel and listening to Holyfield with dutiful attention like a chastised small boy.

He admitted that he had been fairly beaten. "I fought my best," he said. "He put up a hell of a fight." Then, turning to Holyfield, he shook his hand and said: "Thank you very much. I've got great respect for you. I hope we can do it again." Holyfield

The heavyweight division, which Don King, Tyson's promoter, had lined up for Tyson to unify against some of the worst champions that the weight has ever seen, is almost out of King's grasp. He still holds promotion rights for Holyfield's contests, but the

also promotes Lennox Lewis. So Lewis can now look forward to getting a title bout with Holyfield. Holyfield's victory has made heavyweight boxing a fairer place.

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Tyson, cut and bleeding, on his way to losing the world heavyweight championship to Holyfield by an eleventh-round technical knockout in Las Vegas

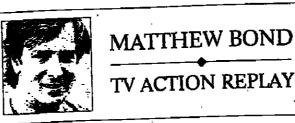
Forget pasta, just save us from twilight zone

that happens. Just when you could strangle Richard Keys if he mentions "the greatest night in boxing history" again, when you'll scream if Reg Gutteridge says "I never thought I'd live to see the day" just once more ... that hap-pens. Evander Holyfield

Suddenly, you're on your feet shouting at the television. the tedium of the preceding nine hours already a distant memory. "Did you see the fight live?" people will ask and already you can taste the sweet satisfaction of replying "Yes — didn't you?" You shout some more at the television and, for the umpteenth time. Gutteridge shouts: "He's got him." Finally, gloriously, he is right. Rather more annoyingly, that means so was Keys.

sleep, I'm still not sure whether to forgive him. For despite serving up the only televised event this year to rival Michael Johnson's world record in the 200 metres, the ghastly memory of the very early hours of yesterday morning are still etched deep. This was the bit that no one at BSkyB had warned us about, this was Judgement Night: The Interminable Interregnum, the dull bit, the awful bit, the bit where, if a question was worth asking, it was worth asking

This was the twilight zone, between 11.30pm and 2.30am, when the only excitement on offer was Lennox Lewis's bowtie and Ian Darke's regular updates from the post-bout party at Giulio's in Manchester. "We're having pasta for our main course," Darke



enthused. Keys scribbled it down - p-a-s-t-a, should be good for five minutes. "Ever had pasta, Lennox?"

It wasn't that bad, of course. it just felt like it. For while Judgement Night will be rightly remembered for producing one of the great events of televised sporting history, it should not be forgotten that, for hours and hours and hours, it was fantastically dull. Nobody - not Keys, not the excellent Barry McGuigan, not the eloquent Duke McKenzie, not the nice Nicky

Annika Sorenstam, the quietly

formidable Swede who has

won consecutive US Open

titles, became the first player

to achieve the double last year.

downhearted for long and she

has the added incentive of

becoming the first person to

earn more than \$1 million in

an LPGA season if she wins in

At the moment, the Davies

Ferrari is second-hand, but

she should soon be in a

position to upgrade to the latest model, should she wish.

Rita, Davies's mother, tries to

keep her daughter's spending

in check, but, as the cheques

keep rolling in, she is resigned

to fighting a losing battle.

Every target that she has set

her daughter has been at-

Las Vegas.

However, Davies is never

Piper and definitely not a jetlagged Lewis - can fill three hours of television when absolutely nothing happens. If Sky is ever in that position again, it should put something interesting on in the middle — like a repeat of the football, or Rocky

... anything.
Darke and Glenn McCrory. Sky's regular boxing commentary team, must be furious at missing out on the big trip to Las Vegas. While they attempted alchemy in Man-chester, the MGM Grand had the rather redundant guns

from ITV Sport, Gutteridge ing at the television later, he changed tack. Victory for who rather overdoes the "seen it, done it, can't be bothered to wear the T-shirt" approach, was clearly determined to resist the hype. "Big fight night." he scoffed, "we're rath-

er cynical, me and Jim ... " At that moment, Michael Moorer, the man who got us through the darkest hour, finally disposed of Francois Botha - "But frankly we didn't expect these fights to be anything like as good as they

Unfair it may have been, but this was Gutteridge's and Watt's night. As Chris Eubank memorably told Darke in Guilio's: "It's not how the cookies crumble, it's who is the best fighter on the night:" It was time to get it on. "Don't Two rounds and lots of shout-

Tyson in the first three minutes? "That was never my opinion actually, Jim."

Watt, himself, had a cracking fight, calling it Holyfield's way from about round four. At the time, I thought he was tempting fate, warming us up for one of his famous 180 degree turns; but the anguished cry of "I thought that might happen" never came. As Gutteridge called "he's got him" for the last time, it was Watt who pointed out that Holyfield had just proved the entire world — and certainly the entire Sky studio panel wrong: "I didn't give him a chance — nobody gave him a chance." A night that just a few hours earlier had threatened the future of pay-per-view in Great Britain, had turned into

Hooper takes lead role in tour victory

CARL HOOPER, the all-rounder, played the key role for the West Indies as they romped to a nine-wicket victory over Western Australia yesterday at the WACA Ground in Perth. Hooper took four for 59 with his off spin, finishing with match figures of seven for 123 to add to his 84 in the first innings as Western Australia crashed to 170 all out in their second innings. The West Indies then needed just 4.3 overs

to secure their win, ending on 26 for one.

However, the West Indies have several key players injured just 11 days before the first Test match against Australia in Brisbane on November 22. Curtly Ambrose, the fast bowler, has a groin strain and Brian Lara, their leading hatsman, and Junior Murray, the wicketkeeper, have

☐Saeed Anwar, the opening batsman, hit an unbeaten 104 yesterday to steer Pakistan to a four-wicket victory over New Zealand in their Champions' Trophy match in Sharjah.

Relief for Burkett

BOWLS: The win by South Africa in the Manulife Regent Hong Kong International Pairs Classic at Kowloon yesterday came as a great relief to Neil Burkett, of Cape Town (David Rhys Jones writes). "I lost in the final of this revent last year and the year before, so winning this time around, with Gerry Baker, meant a great deal to me," Berkett said, after South Africa had defeated Andrew Contain and David Eile of New Teoland, 24.20 Andrew Utilia Curtain and David File, of New Zealand, 24-20. Andy Wills and Stuart Airey, the England pair, had done well to qualify for the semi-finals, but were beaten by New Zealand.

Cardiff remain on top

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils retained their place at the top of the Superleague and also maintained their excellent away form with a 40 win over Basingstoke Bison on Saturday. Frank Caprice was their successful goaltender, saving all 33 shots he faced. Sheffield Steelers stayed one point behind the Devils, overcoming a two-goal first period deficit to beat Bracknell Bees 4-2.

Ivanisevic wins scrap

TENNIS: fvanisevic, right, overcame Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No! seed, and a partisan crowd to lift the Kremlin Cup in Moscow vesterday with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 win after a scrappy final, it: was Kafelnikov's second unhappy final in a week, he lost to Thomas Enqvist at the Paris Open. Both players made eight double faults, but ivanisevic also served more



Ilkeston breakthrough

POOTBALL: Ilkeston Town recorded their first win of the season in the women's FA Premier League national division, albeit against Southampton Saints, the bottom club, who are still without a point. Ilkeston won 32, but remain second from bottom, two points behind Transnere Rovers. Everton continued their revival with a 3-1 win over Liverpool in the

Success for Whitaker

born wife of British rider Michael, made her first impact on the Volvo World Cup in the qualifier in Brussels yesterday. Riding Eldorado. Whitaker finished fourth, two places better than her husband on his Olympic ride. Two Step. She had the slowest of four clears in the L2-horse jump-off, which was won by Lars Nieberg, of Germany, on For Pleasure.

Sussex surprise rivals

LACROSSE: Sussex sprang the first surprise of the women's senior county season after heating Middlesex, the national champions, 6-3 at the South Counties tournament in Sunbury yesterday. It was their first victory over Middlesex but Sussex failed to repeat the success, losing 4-2 to Surrey. Their six goals against Middlesex, however, were enough to give them the trophy on goal average.

Golden finale

KARATE: Great Britain finished on top of the medals table after some magnificent individual performances on the final day of the world championships being held in Sun City. South Africa, yesterday. Wayne Otto, in the 75 kilogram category, and Patricia Duggin, in the 60 kilogram section, won the gold medals that lifted Britain above Japan in the

Dual target drives Davies to boost spending power

THE golfing phenomenon that is Laura Davies just keeps rolling along. Yesterday, here in Japan, the incomparable Englishwoman won the 49th tournament of her career, the Itoen event in Chiba province, by the small matter of 15 shots.

Rounds of 68, 65 and 66, a total of 199, 17 under par. secured a first prize of 10 million yen (about £55,000) to give Davies her second Japanese victory of the season and her third consecutive triumph

Earlier in the year, in Phoenix, Arizona, she also won the Standard Register Ping tour-nament for the third successive time, indicating that, on some courses. Davies, the world No I, is out on her own more than on others.

Japan obviously suits Davies - last week, she lost the Toray Japan Queens Cup only in a play-off — and she has talked of spending a season on the Japanese tour before the end of the century. Doubtless Maruman, the Japanese dub-

vies, is more than happy for the globetrotter supreme to continue gobbling up victories worldwide wielding its clubs as nobody else can.

Next week, Davies, an inveterate gambler, will be in Las Vegas for the ITT LPGA Tour Championship, the final event of the season in the United States, which will decide the money-list and the player-of-

the year title. At the moment, Davies, who has already finished No I on the American Express European Tour this year, heads both lists, ahead of Karrie Webb, the talented

rookie from Australia. It has always been one of Davies's ambitions to be No l in Europe and the United States in the same season - a remarkable achievement given the amount of travelling and the level of involved - and it was a

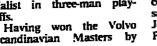
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only English winner in Japan yesterday (Patricia Davies writes). Lee Westwood, from Worksop, enjoyed his first victory outside Europe in the Visa Taiheiyo Masters, at the Taiheiyo club almost in the shadow of Mount Fuji. Not that Fuji was often

visible to the players - the tournament was reduced to 54 holes because of fog and Westwood's winnings were cut back to a mere 20 million yen (about £109,000). Westwood, who finished sixth in the Volvo rankings on

the PGA European Tour, is proving something of a specialist in three-man play-

Scandinavian Masters by





Westwood: away win

beating Paul Broadhurst and Russell Claydon over extra holes. Westwood, playing conservative golf, yesterday saw off Costantino Rocca and Jeff Sluman, the former US PGA champion.



Matthew, 27, the former British amateur champion. from North Berwick, compiled a total of 283 with Graeme, her husband, caddying for her.

Karrie Webb, of Australia, the US LPGA Tour rookie of the year, scored 70 in the final round to finish second on 286. one stroke ahead of Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden.

Matthew, a qualified accountant who finished only 79th on the US LPGA moneylist, held her nerve in strong winds to claim birdies at the 7th, 9th, 14th and 15th. "I'm used to playing in these conditions and the weather was to my advantage," she said.



Cool Els takes title in play-off

By Our Sports Staff

ERNIE ELS, the world No 3, captured the Johnnie Walker Super Tour title yesterday after Ian Woosnam fell victim to the heat and missed a sevenfoot putt at the first play-off

Els. from South Africa, and Woosnam, from Wales, fought a low-scoring duel, but both came unstuck in the closing stretch at the Thana City course in Bangkok to take the country-hopping tournament into an extra hole.

Woosnam, the former Masters champion, bogeyed the final hole yet he still registered a course record of 63 for a four-round total of 274, 14 under par, while Els collected a double-bogey seven at the par-five 16th with the championship seemingly in his

With Liezl Wehmeyer, his girlfriend, being called in to act as his caddy after the local bag-carrier had fallen ill. Els drove into a bunker and then found the water's edge with his second shot to lose two strokes and fall level with Woosnam. He registered pars on the final two holes for a 65 and then two-putted for victory at the first play-off hole. Els, 27, said: "It is a really brilliant feeling to have won. It has been a long week

flying about Asia, but also a

fun week. The scores today

were just great. It is tough to get to a golf course and play it

Normally, a 65 in the final round when you are holding a two-shot lead would be enough, but Woosie is a class player."
Woosnam, who finished as runner-up on the European Tour, said that hot weather

blind, but everybody did well

finally took its toll at the play-"It has been hard work this week and I was really tired after nine holes today, but playing well kept me going. he said. "Being competitive

and trying to catch up with Ernie spurred me on." Colin Montgomerie had a final-round 69 to finish six shots adrift and in third place in the eight-player field.

final table.

SNOOKER: PLUCKY IRISH BOW TO UNDEFEATED FAVOURITES IN WORLD CUP FINAL

Hendry applies finishing touch for Scots

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGROK

SCOTLAND, without playing anywhere near their collective best, captured the World Cup by beating Ireland 10-7 here last night. Their reward was a first prize of £105,000 and the "King of Kings" trophy.

Throughout the Eighties, Scotland were the perennial whipping boys of the event, but the emergence of Stephen Hendry, Alan McManus and John Higgins coincided with the tournament going into abeyance. When details of its resurrection on a much grander scale were announced, the Scots were immediately viewed as the team to beat.

They emerged through the round-robin group undefeated and scored a 10-b

victory over Northern Ireland in the quarter-finals before defeating Thailand 10-5 on Saturday with a dominant performance, highlighted by a 139 total clearance from Higgins, the highest

break of the competition. When Scotland established a 4-0 lead in the final and McManus led Ken Doherty 59-4 in the fifth frame, a one-sided final looked certain to develop, but the Ireland captain fashioned a 59 clearance and, two frames later, he recovered from a 69-0 deficit against Hendry with an even more

unlikely clearance. At the conclusion of the first session. Scotland led only 5-4, but, by winning the first three frames of the evening, they earned some breathing space at 8-4.

Ireland refused to accept their fate, however, and Fergal O'Brien compiled a 66 break to beat McManus. Stephen Murphy edged Higgins on the blue and Doherty, assisted by a run of 68, whitewashed Hendry 102-0 to pull back to

Higgins then beat O'Brien before. fittingly, considering his inspirational role in the fostering of Scotland's strength in depth, it was Hendry who applied the finishing touches when, ignoring growing nervousness, he overcame Murphy.

In many respects, I felt more pressure out there than I do at the Crucible" Hendry, the winner of the world championship at the game's most famous venue on six occasions since 1990, said.

Birmingham bow to Newcastle surprise

By NICHOLAS HARLING NICK NURSE, the Budweiser League's most diligent coach, takes some beating when it comes to scouting the opposition. but there was nothing that he or his Birmingham Bullets could do when Newcastle Eagles unleashed their three new signings in the Aston Villa Leisure Centre on Saturday.

It was not as if Newcastle caught Birmingham unprepared. "We knew exactly what they would do; the trouble was, we couldn't stop them, Nurse said after his team's 83-77 defeat. They started three new guys and I'd never seen the two who shot the lights out and won the

Of Carl Miller, the former England international, who has just returned from an abortive spell in Portugal with Estoril, Nurse knew plenty, but of Rob Phelps and Ralph Blalock, Nurse knew nothing, apart from the fact that they were guards with high scoring potential. Phelps, a product of Providence University, whose work permit was secured only on Thurslay, crowned his debut with 33 points. including all five three pointers that he attempted. Among Blatock's 23 points were two shots from long range. The newcomers' contribution to the third quarter, when they outscored Birming-

BASKETBALL: NEW PLAYERS GIVE NURSE HEADACHE BEFORE CUP QUARTER-FINAL

Tom Hancock, the Newcastle coach,

ust £39* a year.

his squad to repeat their outstanding display when the clubs meet again in the Classic Cola National Cup quarter-final on Tyneside on Priday. In normal circumstances, we'd like to sit around and congratulate ourselves for a while, but we don't have a lot of time for that, as the team which loses is the team which has to make adjustments for the next time," he said. "We'll have to be ready for them."

In the other league game on Saturday. Sheffield Sharks assumed the outright leadership with a 101-78 victory over Hemel and Watford Royals, who are nowham 20-10 to open a 67-55 lead, was without a win in 12 games this season:



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FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE demise of Mike Tyson was presaged by an event that had a Western movie flavour to it. Just two days before the World Boxing Assocition title bout, a quiet "stranger" came into town. He was a big man and bespectacled. His name was James "Buster" Douglas, who was the first man to beat

Tyson, in Tokyo in 1990. Douglas surprised everyone by predicting confidently that Holyfield would defeat Tyson. Douglas said that, if a boxer could face Tyson and stick to his game-plan after the first bell, Tyson was as vulnerable as the next man. Douglas knows all about Holyfield's heart and his punch, having been knocked out by him in three rounds just eight months after he had taken the undisputed title from Tyson.

Curiously, Tyson was nearly finished off in the tenth, the same round in which Douglas sent Tyson to the floor for the last time in Tokyo. This time, the bell came to Tyson's aid and Holyfield had to wait until the eleventh to complete

After spending a miserable minute on his stool, with his feverishly trying to



Holyfield: dominant

revive him. Tyson came out on unsteady feet. For once, his gloves were up to cushion the punches that he expected Holyfield to unleash.

Holyfield cut his way tirrough with three tabs that sent Tyson recling backwards against the ropes. If Tyson had gone down, he might have had a chance to recover, but he did not know where he was and, as Holyfield leaps forward, quickly landing 12 blows without reply, Mitch Halpern, the referce, jumped between the

The myth of the invincibility of Tyson was broken. Most of the crowd of 15,000, that had heen encouraging Holylield by shouting "Holy! Holy!", jumped to their feet to savour the last moments of the terror

of the ring. It was like watching an unusual event, like the eclipse

of the sun; which, in a way, it was. Although it was an upset from the bookmakers' point of view, it was not a huge surprise from a boxing standpoint. Holyfield was always capable of beating Tyson. It was simply that the experts wrongly. If Holyfield were to meet him in a rematch, he would almost certainly beat him more convincingly. On the scorecards at the end. (meaning that, according to that judge, he had not lost a round), 96-92, 96-92. The ending reminded me of Sean Connery's line in The Untouchables: "You don't bring a knife to a gun fight." Everyone had thought that it would be Holyfield who would be illequipped, but it was Tyson who was left holding a penknife. Holyfield had the bombs and knew how to drop

How different it all was from the preliminaries that went before the first bell. Tyson, 30, came down the aisle with a retinue of more than 50. He climbed through the ropes and roamed the ring in his usual black trunks, black boots, and a short black poncho-like garment designed to make him appear like a samurai warrior. but which appeared to have been chewed by his pet tiger. All the while, he stared at Holyfield, who stood, dressed in purple, with his head bowed as if in prayer.

At the first bell, Tyson came ow sent Holyfield stagger-

peared to get the upper hand, Holyfield either stifled the blows by leaning on him or ducked under the punches and came up with two-handed combinations. Surprisingly, even at such an early stage as the third round. Tyson seemed taken aback by Holyfield's ression. Also, for the first time. Tyson did not have the crowd behind him. They were backing the quiet man and they raised a cheer every time he struck home.

it was punch for punch going into the fifth round. Tyson may have won a couple of these rounds, but they were not scored unanimously in his favour on the judges' cards. Unable to dominate his opponent, Tyson came into the sixth round looking weebegone, gluves up and hesitant. Every time that Tyson loaded up. Holyfield either jabbed and pushed him back or grabbed him. Suddenly, the challenger unleashed a left hook that sent Tyson reeling

out quickly and a glancing ing sideways. It seemed to signal a violent and quick finish. Tyson started piling in overhand rights, left hooks and uppercuts, but Holyfield, instead of falling back, simply stepped forward and traded Every time that Tyson ap-

backwards and, remarkably,



downwards. You could almost hear the silence of the crowd before it suddenly spilled into a cheer. Tyson was a sorry sight at the end of that round and kept complaining about his eye, which had suffered damage in a clash of heads.

Holyfield, 34, dominated the next four rounds but Tyson caught him with a cracking left hook in the tenth that made him hold on for a second. So quickly did he shake off the effects of that blow, and come back to hurt Tyson, that the champion's heart must have been broken at that point.

Apart from Tyson being floored in the sixth and sent staggering in the tenth and eleventh, there were other experiences that were new to Tyson and the crowd: the sight of Tyson complaining about a cut eye, Tyson hanging on to Juno 13, 1935: Braddock, the "Cindere man", came out of valual retirement cutpoint Bacy over 15 munds at Lor

Cassus Clay v Sormy Liston Feb 25, 1954. Clay 22, had predicted that he would upset the odds and did just that when he forced Liston to reare on his stool after sor rounds in Marrii It was the lest of his 25 world title bouts.

Holyfield's arm to prevent himself from falling back-wards after a clash of heads. Tyson standing still like an exhausted bull in a bull-ring watching Holyfield come for him, Tyson allowing Holyfield to jab and box and take charge. Tyson holding Holy-field's left hand under his arm.

No wonder, then, that after the bout Tyson said: "I don't remember anything about the Feb 15, 1973, Leon Spirits cuspointed All, 12 years his pirtor, in Las Vegas James "Buster" Douglas v Mike Tyson vo නව හරිපෑපා hs irs deleat

Oliver McCzli v Lennox Lewis Sep 25, 1994 Lewis walked into a loft hand and lost his tirle after 31 seconds of the second round at Wembley

knockdown. I really don't know what happened. He head-butted me, but I probably did the same too. I believe the head butt caused the gash on my eye. He hit me with a pretty good punch when I went down. He fought a good fight. I'm OK, but my eyes

Emmanuel Steward, who used to be Holyfield's trainer and is now with Lennox

real fight," he said, "He's had only five real fights in his whole career. Otherwise, he fought guys who wouldn't fight hack and he wasn't prepared for one who would. If there is a rematch, Holyfield will win bigger.

The first three rounds saw the chemistry of the fight. Tyson kept trying to land a left hook and never did. I would have had him work more to the body. He hardly used his jab. The whole thing was throwing one big punch. He didn't have the ability to adjust and make a U-turn.

"Holyfield will go down as one of the all-time greats. His accomplishments are formidable for a stuffed-up cruiserweight. He rises to the occasion. He's good on bigtime fights."

Akinwande retains title in fine style

HENRY AKINWANDE, of money to fight Scott Welch."
Great Britain, the World Welch, from Shoreham, the Organisation Boxing (WBO) heavyweight champion, retained his litle with a one-sided win over Alex Zolkin, of Russia, on the undercard of the Tyson-Holyfield bill (Srikumar Sen writes).

The bout was stopped in the ninth round, when Zolkin was prevented from continuing because of a cut eye. Before that, Akinwande using his right hand to telling effect against Zolkin's southpaw stance. had won most of the rounds and in the fourth had put

Zolkin on the canvas. As Zolkin is a good four inches shorter than Akinwande, who stands 6ft 7in, he was able to land hardly a solid blow on the champion. who either neatly stepped back out of reach or ducked under Zolkin's ponderous

Akinwande now wants to move to the No 3 position in the World Boxing Council (WBC) ratings and challenge the winner of the bout between Lennox Lewis and Oliver McCall, "We would love to fight Lewis." Jean Courreges. Akinwande's manager, said, "but Don King is offering us a lot of

WBO No L is the most likely opponent, as the Lewis team is demanding that Akinwande is not forced on their man if Lewis beats McCall. Lewis is insisting on one voluntary defence before meeting Akinwande.

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According to Panos Eliades, Lewis's main negotiator, there is a good chance that their demand will be met by King. King and Jose Sulaiman.

the president of the WBC. have been ordered to appear

in a court in New Jersey to explain why they did not obey a court order and give Lewis his world title contest with McCall by December 26. If Lewis wins the case, it will cost King and the WBC around \$10 million (about £6.5 million). Eliades believes that, since King wants him to call off the court action, he will give them what they want,

Also on the undercard in Las Vegas, Welch had an unimpressive points win over a grossly overweight Daniele Netto, of Argentina,

Benn's retirement saves mind-blowing results

Andrew Longmore says the Englishman

THE immutable laws of boxing were drummed into the hrain of Nigel Benn with every one of the primitive blows delivered by his opponent in Manchester on Saturday night. Steve Collins may still be the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion, but Benn emerged from the hysteria of the Nynex Arena with the most prized pussession of all.

At the end of the sixth round, sitting on the "No Fear" logo on the back of his black satin shorts. Benn finally weighed up the odds, contemplated another 15 minutes of needless pain and saw the sense in what many of his friends had been telling him for some weeks.

The final decision to retire was made by Benn himself, but it had been clear since the middle of the fourth, when the tide had begun to turn slowly but inexerably in favour of the champion, that Benn's corner were increasingly discemiont-ed by the punishment that their man was starting to ship. Denny Mancini, Benn's vet-

eran trainer, hopped from side to side with the anxiety of a child watching a horror film. exhorting Benn to jab and move. At one point, as two more clubbing punches from Collins sent a shock through Benn's ginger-tipped dread-locks, he waved his arms across each other as if wanting to throw in the towel there and then. Peter DeFreitas, Benn's manager, had warned his charge at the end of mand five that he only had one more round to carry out the more

ubile plan deviced for him Instead, with the instinct that has made him a multimillionaire and lifted him imp the top rank of bosing champions from Great Britain, Benn de-cided to trade blows with the stronger Irishman one last time. A flurry of activity in the corner heralded the third, and, for Benn's sake, it is to be hoped, the last, retirement.

What followed was not, in the cold light of a Manchester morning, the prettiest moment in the history of boxing. A chorus of boos drowned out Benn's explanation — and apology — to the crowd, most of whom had been cheering him to the echo only seconds before. "What a load of rub-

bish" they sang. Perhaps only Eric Cantona, who had been awarded a thunderous introduction before the bout, could truly understand such fickleness.

had earned the right to decide his own fate If anyone has earned the

right to decide his own fate, it is Benn, no matter how stale the post-light cabaret has become. Anyone thinking otherwise had only to cast his mind back to Gerald McClellan, whose courage has cost him much of his movement and all of his sight. Benn does not deserve a similar epitaph. That was Benn's sixteenth

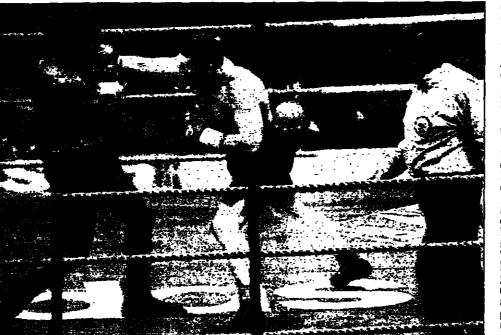
world title fight.
I have been giving my all for ten years now, but the body can only take so much," Benn said. The crowd want blood, guts and tears, but I don't

want to see Nigel Benn like that. They would rather see me injured than quit; but, if the snap is gone, why carry

It was just a shame that, having retired after his last two defeats, by Thulane Malinga and Collins, Benn was swayed into throwing the dice once more. In his heyday, some of the punches that landed on Collins's stubbled chin in the first three rounds would have felled even the durable Irishman. Collins blinked and rocked, but stayed on his feet. Benn knew then

tion. "Nigel came to fight and he hurt me more than he did last time," Collins said.

Nothing should detract from the champion, who bore out his pre-fight assurance with a performance of bulldozing power. Jab. Benn's corner said, only dimly aware that their man might as well have been standing in front of a steamroller. At the age of 32, his toughness chiselled out of a Dublin backstreet and shaped by hours of education in American gyms, the hardest boxing school of all, Collins has reached his peak late in boxing life, but he is all the stronger for knowing where he has been and how he got where he is. He is a champion,



Collins launches another ferocious attack with a clubbing right to the head of Benn. Photograph: Julian Herbert

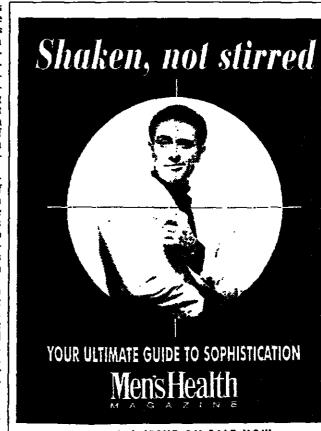
a few pints of earthiness to a division drunk on hype. The problem for Frank Warren, the promoter, is how many

tickets he will sell. At a bizarre post-fight press conference, Collins was a silent, peripheral, figure in the final act of a charade played out by the retiring Benn and the returning Chris Eubank. who hovered in the background like Banquo's ghost.

Whatever Warren might say about Eubank needing to heat more credible opponents before returning to world-title level, it is possible that Collins and Eubank will meet for a third time, probably at lightheavyweight. Before then, Collins will meet the Manchesterbased Robin Reid, the newlycrowned World Boxing Council super-middleweight champion, a contest which might not top the bill if Nascem Hamed takes on Tom Johnson, his first truly worldclass opponent.

Hamed was undeniably impressive in his destruction of the previously-unbeaten Remigio Molina in little more than five minutes, but, as Benn pointed out, he needs to test his wicked punching power on the best Americans before "running his mouth

Johnson would test him more than the brave but outclassed Argentinian. Hamed modestly said that he stole the show, but Ronald Wright, the American world light-middleweight champion, produced the most complete demonstration of the noble art, casually outpointing a game Ensley Bingham. "I tried to put him under pressure, but I couldn't." Bingham said. "He wasn't there."



DECEMBER ISSUE ON SALE NOW

Leighton stands firm as Scotland man the defences

By KEVIN McCarra

AFTER a week spent as victims of supposed injustice, Scotland forced Sweden to sample some unmerited punishment yesterday. This vic-tory at Ibrox, which takes Craig Brown's team to the top of World Cup qualifying group four, was preposterous. since the visitors, more skilled

and more aggressive, com-manded the afternoon, Scotland's powers of resistance were vast, typified by the mantrap snap of Hendry's tackles and Leighton's courageous saves, but Sweden still manufactured, and wasted, many opportunities.

Some had seen this as an occasion for vengeance after a committee headed by a Swede, Lennart Johansson, decided on Thursday that Scotland's abortive match with Estonia should be replayed and that Gary McAllister's suspension would be applied to this tie. In the event, Scotland had too little of the ball ever to be

We will accept a win after we had been the poorer team." Brown, the manager, said. "It's not often we get the breaks. We have now lost only five goals in our last 17 competitive matches, which confirms it was not all luck today."

Resilient defending was complemented by a form of adept judgement that has underpinned Scotland's successes in recent seasons. Lacking players of outstanding quality, Brown has developed the knack of matching man to moment. McGinlay, 32, was discarded by his country a year ago, but the forward's confidence has been enhanced by regular goals for Bolton Wanderers in the agreeable surroundings of the Nationwide League first division. Restored to the starting lineup here, he opened the scoring in the eighth minute. Tosh McKinlay's sweeping diago-nal ball was impishly dummied by Jackson, leaving his partner in attack to run clear.

McGinlay proved unflappa- From whichever wing the ball ble, taking his time before guiding a shot past Ravelli.

There were to be few such moments of sleek control for Scotland. By degrees, the ex-tent of the difficulties confronting Brown's team was revealed. At first, it seemed that the home side were only being laconic as they protected their advantage. Gradually. though, Scottish consternation

Sweden were using a single forward. Dahlin, who suffered a calf strain and soon had to be replaced by Kennet Andersson, but the support was plentiful. In midfield. where the zest of Zetterberg was so telling, Scotland were

GROUP FOUR

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Lativa Cot 11: Austria v outplayed and overpowered. With McAllister absent and

McCall injured, all balance

was lost in that area. Burley and Billy McKinlay, the understudies, contributed as best they could, but there was no sequence of deliberate passes to tame the pace of the game and no steady authority either. When Scotland did attempt to press forward, they only exposed the gaps through which Swedes would romp on

the counter-attack. The visitors often advanced on their left flank, exploiting the immaturity of positioning inevitably shown by a promising young full back, Jackie McNamara, who was starting emerged, however, Scotland were in persistent difficulties and Kennet Andersson missed a simple chance in the 37th minute, heading Bjorklund's cross wide.

It was the first of a halfdozen occasions on which Sweden might have equalised. Blomqvist was through on Leighton after 64 minutes. having received Kennet Andersson's alert pass, but drove against the goalkeeper. A lew moments later, Leighton was saving again. from Thern's drive, and, in the last ten minutes, the Scottish penalty area was a place of bedlam. Frantic challenges by de-

fenders and another block from Leighton explained Kennet Andersson's failure to take one of series of opportunties then. Tommy Svensson, the Sweden manager. lauded his team and Brown grumbled about the display his own men had produced, but the result, if perverse, was still immensely

satisfying for Scotland. Indeed, for Leighton, there was personal gratification in what was his 75th appearance. The Hibernian goalkeeper, 38, was singled out for special praise by both Svensson and Brown afterwards, yet had contemplated retirement after acting as understudy to Andy Goram during the European championship last summer. I didn't really want to

chuck it." he said, "and I don't think I've enjoyed my previous 74 games as much as that. We have not played as poorly for a long time, but I don't think we have battled any harder. We have now got into a smashing position in the group."

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SCOTLAND (3-5-2). J Laighton (Hiberham)

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Leighton makes one of his many saves, this time from Blomqvist, the left winger, as Scotland keep Sweden at bay at Ibrox yesterday

eighton proves Scotland's saving grace

tice may not have been done at Ibrox. but the flag of moral justice has seldom flown more strongly. Denied the presence of Gary McAllister by a questionable by Fifa, the world governing body, ruling, and ordered to replay their abandoneu World Cup qualifying tie against Estonia by a commit-tee chaired by Lennart

Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, the European governing body, who holds a potential vested interest, Scotland won a precarious rearguard action against Sweden that verged on collapse for the last hour. Craig Brown reflected after-

wards on the profusion of errors that his moderate team had made. Yet, besides John McGinlay, of Bolton, who scored the only goal after nine minutes, there were two particular heroes. Jim Leighton and Darren Jackson, both with Hibernian, will remember this occasion: the day that Sweden, third in the 1994 World Cup, were famously

David Miller sees a goalkeeper in the twilight of his career

produce a sparkling World Cup display against Sweden

Jackson is no great player. His ungainly feet point out-wards, Chaplinesque, at tento-two, he is all knees and elbows. Yet, I have never seen any player put more heart into an international match. Like a cowboy without a horse, he ran himself to a standstill in trying to contain the stampeding opposition. More than that, he played a decisive part in the goal without even touching the ball.

Feinting to take Boyd's low pass, Jackson let the ball run. and McGinlay, taking his time under pressure, com-mendably did the rest. Though Jackson seldom thereafter threatened to score a second, he received a standing ovation when he was substituted by Gallacher 12 minutes from time.

For Leighton, his 75th international was an emotional occasion in the twilight of a career in which he has, too

Simply, Wales do not pos-

fears were only confirmed when he took in the enlighten-

have the right mentalilty but,

technically, they might be a bit

behind the rest of Europe,"

Bergkamp said. Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach,

was less tactful. "For five or six

minutes. Wales were a threat,"

That Wales Under-21s defeated their Dutch counter-

parts I-0 on Friday was at least

encouraging — if, later on in

life, it can be translated onto

the bigger stage. For the

moment, though, Wales have to beat Turkey in Cardiff next

month to still stand a chance of reaching the World Cup

finals, via the runners-up

place in group seven and a

It will take much more than

Vinnie Jones singing the Nat-

ional Anthem with raucous

pride as he did before his first

match as captain, plus a

radical rethink and

reorganisation using the limit-

ed resources at Gould's dis-

posal. Then, and only then, may the flags of Caernarfon,

Caldicot and Colwyn Bay

flutter freely once more.

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British players always

ing under-14 game.

with rejection: by his country, or, in the FA Cup final replay of 1990, by Manchester Uniafternoon, with the defenders in front of him slithering and spinning with uncertainty all but Hendry, that is of Craig Brown's tactical tri-Leighton made four saves in the last half-hour that had

aloft in celebration. The bemused Swedes, so much smarter than Scotland in vision, control and angled passing, could hardly believe their misfortune. Here was this goalkeeper, short in stature and long in years, whose clearances at times barely reached the centre circle, pulling off save after save. When he dived at the feet of Kennet Andersson, the lofty Bologna forward who was clear through in the 81st minute, the

Swede climbed back to his

feet shaking his head in

spectators, young and old,

leaping from their seats, arms

When Leighton cut out a free kick across the goalmouth in the last minute from the cheers one would suppose that Scotland had won the World Cup. This was far from being one

umphs. Too much Scotland chased the ball, too keen, in the pressure of the moment, to attack, so that when their moves broke down they were often swiftly exposed to the counter-attack. They urgently needed somebody such as Billy

McKinlay from Blackburn, to play a midfield sweeper's role in front of the central defenders to help pick up Swedish runs from midfield off the ball. Although Ferguson was

withdrawn by Everton, he has no impressive reputation internationally. He might, how-

who was seldom able to creat an understanding with McGinlay, save for that one precious early occasion.

Hendry's contribution was characteristically assured. He was one of the few who managed to find time on the ball. Too many of the Scots passed inaccurately, needlessly surrendering possession though Burley made a ster ling contribution in the centre of midfield.

Against adversity, Scotland will be delighted to lead their qualifying group. They should have no problem when the time comes to replay in Estonia next spring. It was certainly unwise of Johansson not to absent himself from the room when the Fifa decision was made but his integrity is such that I do not consider he realised the significance or that he would have been biased. Besides, a policy deci-sion not to disqualify from the competition an emerging Bal-tic nation had been taken several days before the meetmoment. Scotland have come

Dutch masters teach Wales harsh lesson

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FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN EINDHOVEN

IN A tiny, terraced corner of the magnificent Philips Stadium in Eindhoven on Saturday, the flags proclaiming allegiance to Caernarion, Caldicot and Colwyn Bay hung limply throughout. After the game, the Wales players walked away from the ground in single file - heads bowed. avoiding eye contact, like chastened schoolchildren.

Wales had experienced their heaviest defeat in either the World Cup or European championship. It was their worst loss since they were beaten 7-0 by Northern Ireland in an international in

Belfast in 1930, it was awful. Had it not been for 13 decent saves from Neville Southall. the Wales goalkeeper. Hol-land's tally would have reached double figures. A hattrick from Bergkamp and a goal each from Jonk, Cocu and the de Boer twins. Ronald and tary response from Saunders. was pathetically inadequate. Tive never been so embar-

rassed," a Welsh journalist uttered in disbelief, "I nearly cried when I saw Jason Bowen's name on the team-sheet." His comments, full of Celtic despair, came at half-time in the group seven World Cup qualifying tie, when Wales were only 4-1 down. He had already accepted the cringeing

Inadvertently, he had also highlighted the yawning chasm between Dutch and Welsh football. Of the 17 players listed on the Holland team-sheet, the clubs represented included Ajax, AC Miian. Real Madrid and Internazionale. In contrast, the Wales players had been

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plucked from, among others, Manchester City, Birming-ham City, Charlton Athletic and Bristol Rovers - hardly the Nationwide League's finest Jason Bowen, who is not

even a regular in the Birmingham side, had been called up only as late cover for Ryan Giggs, and yet he sud-denly found himself in the starting line-up. Despite his endeavours, was it really so surprising that he, and most of his colleagues, was overshad-owed by the cut-glass finesse of Jonk, Winter and Seedorf?

Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, subsequently discovered that Giggs had played for Manchester United reserves the same day as his erstwhile team-mates were floundering, his calf strain having clearly eased. So much for cooperation between club and country.

"We are at rock bottom. Gould said. "We have had a long discussion, openly and candidly, and the players are at the lowest ebb in their careers. So am I. As a group, we have a long, long way to go. It has been a day of education in the Welsh dress-Amid the inevitable Gould hyperbole, he revealed how, earlier, he had watched PSV Hartson - apart from Southall, Wales' most effective Eindhoven under-14s play NAC Breda. "Some of the kids player - midway through the second half. He was allegedly were only about 4ft 6in tail. involved in an unsavoury offbut the things they were doing with the ball were wonderful the-ball incident with Cocu. to see," he said. "It was out of Nor was it the fact that Wales this world. The Dutch should were also missing Coleman, Hughes, Home and Rush for

be so proud." Gould, without conceding it, a variety of reasons. had erred. He chose a semisess and will not in the adventurous formation, with a foreseeable future, a clutch of three-man defence and two players capable of challenging wing backs, in an effort to Europe's best sides - and they fight fire with fire. It was a bold attempt to counter overincluded Holland on Saturday. Gould knows as much, whelmingly superior opposithough loyalty to his adopted country precludes him from tion and it failed, pitifully. Yet, it was not because of the inclusion of Jason Bowen or publicly admitting so, and his



Gould: at his lowest ebb

Irish frustration shows as Iceland shut up shop

stopped, legally or illegally.

and their attempts to get

round the back were

"They tracked our runners

there was never an occasion

when a player ran free and I

don't think we ever got behind

them." McCarthy said. "They

unsuccessful.

Iceland

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

IRELAND'S impressive start to their World Cup qualifying campaign hit its first immov-able obstacle here yesterday. Iceland came unashamedly for a draw and duly got one, Ireland enduring a frustrating afternoon as they failed to find way through a determined

defence.
"We came to get one point and we did that," Logi Olasson, the Iceland coach, said afterwards, "After our defeats by Romania and Lithuania we had to get together and show something and we did that today." Ireland had no answer. "It

was the most frustrating 90 minutes since I took over." Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, said. We didn't play well, we didn't pass the play well, we didn't pass me ball with any confidence, but you've got to give them full for stopping us

With Siggi Jonsson, once an Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday midfield player, mar-shalling his defence splendidly. Ireland discovered what it was like for other teams to play against Jack Charlton's old Ireland. The blue shirts may not have hit the ball long

forced us to cross balls from 30 to 35 yards out, and their big lad gobbled it up." (GREENE DEED

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record.

Kenna, right, about to start an Irish attack yesterday

into the corners to chase, but As a result, the verdict on they were a big, physically strong side which competed fiercely, harrying, hustling the experiment with Keane as the free man at the back remains unproven. Keane was Ireland's outstanding player, and niggling with enthusiasm and Ireland could find no way controlling things with composure, but with one or other Their midfield runs were of the Iceland forwards always going to him when he was in possession he rarely ventured forward in the way McCarthy had hoped. With McAteer's frustration getting the better of back in every department; him, so that he was lucky to stay on the field after a couple of wild hacks at his marker, and Townsend and

> space. Ireland rarely enjoyed good possession. Their best moments came from Townsend's dead-ball kicks, but even then the tall Adolfsson won most of them and when Cascarino, or one of the defenders coming up from the back, did get a head to them, the ball never bounced kindly for Ireland, so that Kristinsson was an under-

McLoughlin never finding

employed goalkeeper. Early in the game he had to react quickly as Kelly did manage to get behind the defence and Adolfsson deflected his low cross goalwards, and before the interval he had to save a Keane header and a volley from McLoughlin. That was the sum total of his serious saves, although he was relieved when Cascarino, for once, put in a clean header from Townsend's corner but

the ball grazed the post. There was even less threat to the goalkeeper in a second half which enjoyed its only moment of real distinction when Olafur Thordarson came on as substitute to earn his 72nd cap, a new Iceland

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England

FROM ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN TRILISI

GLENN HODDLE is now truly in charge of England's destiny. He has laced a measure of pragmatism, of control on and off the football field, into his transition after the summer wiles of Terry Venables with such strength of character that few can doubt him. For all who said that he is too young, too green, too Christian to manage his country at this time, his record is already his answer.

A baptism of three World Cup games, two of them away from home in bleak and destitute remnants of the old Soviet empire, has brought . three victories. The third of those, here on Saturday, equalled the only other time an Englishman has managed the national team to three successive World Cup qualifying wins — the achievement of Bobby Robson in overcoming Finland, Tur-

key and Northern Ireland 12 years ago. However, in his first month. Hoddle has towed us through challenges involving questions of ethics as much as of sport. Typical of him was that, on the eve of the Georgian victory, he took time out to

MATCHES TO COME: Feb 12: England v Raly, March 28 1997; Italy v Moldova April 2: Poland v Italy, April 20: England v Georgia: Raly v Poland v Italy, April 20: England u Luce 7: Georgia v Moldova June 14: Poland v Georgia Sapt 10: England v Moldova V Raly, Moldova v Georgia 10: 11: Raly v England Cot 7: Moldova v Poland Oct 11: Raly v England Oct 7: Moldova v Poland

promote the cause of Christian Aid by appearing with well-scrubbed former street children, the first of the cared-for orphans after Georgia's civil war.

Then his England side produced a performance, built around the efficiency of David Batty, that did unto others what they have been doing to England for many a year. England. once they had scored through Teddy Sheringham and Les Ferdinand, so controlled the tempo, the ball and the emotions that they put out the light of hope in the 48,000 Georgians who somehow had found the El5 entrance fee - almost three times the average weekly salary.

The Georgians, as Hoddle well knew, are the Latins of the southern former Soviet bloc. Lightweight. dark-haired and inclined to include their fleet-footed skills. Hoddle hadwarned in the dressing-room that England must suppress them. In that regard. Batty - last seen as the heliraiser of Wembley 18 months ago, when he tried spitefully to dismem-ber Juninho, of Brazil - was the epitomy of self-controlled non-aggression. He won the ball time and again with calm interceptions, little nicks to squeeze the ball and the essence away from the likes of Giorgi Kinkladar, whose heart went as early

Sheringham scored.

Before the goals, and long after them, it was the axis of Batty and Ince that broke the Georgian rhythm and ambition. They were like a couple of firemen, sent to douse the small fires of hope wherever they arose. "I had been sterner with my words," Hoddle said afterwards. "I told them that I didn't like things I saw against Poland, I didn't want to see them here. gave them no option: stick to the actical plan or go out of the squad."

Can you believe this dressing down from the man who is playing godfather to Paul Gascoigne? From the manager - the word coach is totally inadequate for Hoddle's approach - who has seen the rehabilitation in Tony Adams and restored him to the captaincy? Can you credit Hoddle, supposedly

a learner in international management, with using studious psychology to his chosen players? He watched Sol Campbell four times for Tottenham Hotspur, concluded that, in each game, the big, young man's defending was superb, and gave him an England debut on the rutted pitch of the Boris Paichaidze Stadium

I didn't tell him he was in until we had the team meeting," Hoddle said.
That was right for him, he didn't need to be worrying before then. With others, you tell them early. I knew within two days of Alan Shearer getting injured that Teddy [Sheringham] and Ferdy [Ferdinand] would be the right combination here." In that case, he purposefully misled us all with his daily praise of Ian Wright and occasional praise for Robbie Fowler.

The goals were emphatic answers to any who queried the selection, even though both of them were aided and abetted by feeble Georgian defending. First, Gascoigne pushed the ball forward for Ferdinand to supply Sheringham. Murtaz Shelia timed his intended tackle, Sheringham smoothly eluded him and, with a shot aimed towards the far corner of the net, accepted a deflection off the sweeper and captain. Kekaha Tskhadadze, which wrongfooted Irakli Zoidze, the goalkeeper.

Tskhadadze, allegedly soon to join Manchester City, would have to be braver than this to cope in England. in the 37th minute, his eye on the muscled torso of Ferdinand, he virtually stepped out of the Newcastle United forward's path, allowed Ferdinand to take the ball on with the heel of his right boot and then to score with his unaccustomed left foot, a shot that curled slightly but against which Zoidze managed almost to step negligently away.

So, two goals for the Ferdinand-Sheringham partnership. Gascoigne had, with straightforward passes, been a party to both, yet he had a sometimes vacuous inertness, sometimes gave the ball away and. without his extremes of rage and inspiration, was fortunate to stay the course of 90 minutes. Hoddle, protecting the future as much as the man, insisted that we will, in time, see the old Paul Gascoigne, but meanwhile he, too, had accepted the prime requirements of maturity and of the long passages of keep-hall that dulied the footballing life out of

Georgiz on their home ground. At the core of this victory was the pre-match instruction to Batty and Kinkladze, the last thing you do is



tackle him," Hoddle said. "He can make tackles into fouls. They took that on board, they forced not only him but others to go into areas where we had plenty of bodies. David Batty, I've always said, is a good passer and user of the ball; here, he did exactly the job asked and more and you need this type of player in every team."

The manager, associated with the beauty of the game, had dropped Steve McManaman for Batty. He omitted a player of cavalier instinct for one who would take pleasure out of the art of denial. In any case, this was no pitch to run with the ball and the switch worked.

On the flight home, a spy from Italy, England's next opponents, at Wembley in February, agreed that this was the most tightly structured English display he could recall. Pietro Carmignani, given a lift home to western Europe on England's immediate future, may therefore plane, spent much of the six hours sketching the danger zones for the Italian team. He is the assistant to Arrigo Sacchi, whom nobody expects to still be Italy coach in the new year, and, while agreeing that Ince and Batty held the middle ground, he said: "Do not underestimate what Hinchcliffe gives the team. In Eng-

player; for me, he holds the shape of the side and this allows Beckham and Gascoigne to go forward." The Italian will report back his fear that, with or without Shearer, England always seems to find players who can score a goal. He does not expect, however, England to play Italy with both Beckham and Gascoigne in the team. Hoddle, who has

every intention of maintaining a

"hands on" input into Gascoigne's

land, you say he is not an exquisite

have another choice to make.

Without bombast, he asserted that his man-management and selections have proved right on the night and, with humour, he concluded late on Saturday, when asked if his England was shaping up in his own image: "If they played in my image, we'd never win the ball!"

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Möller exchanged passes with

Strunz to create the space for a

venomous shot that flew into

They were taunted into that

response by Taggart's goal

two minutes earlier, a a fierce

left-foot shot after some hesi-

tant defending from Hughes's

Klinsmann later shook his

head as he said with some incredulity: "We actually found ourselves behind." It

could have been even worse

because Hunter missed with a

header from close range when

unmarked early in the game.

will not again readily because.

if this was Northern Ireland's

hour, the day still belongs to

Germany. "I think we will be

the ones to qualify," Vogts said

afterwards. Few would dis-

agree with him.

It does not happen often and

the net from 20 yards.

free kick.

Tbilisi exposes a world of mixed fortunes

he most striking thing about Georgia is how grey every-thing is. The sky, the buildings, even the clothes people wear, it is all grey and

oppressing.
The life of a footballer is often glamorous and rewarding, but it is on trips like England's to Tbilisi that you see a side of life that is usually shielded from you. From the moment that we landed at the airport, the poverty was no-ticeable. Driving through the city, you can see the kind of existence that many of the people are forced to live. It is not pretty. The buildings are the most depressing. The houses are like brick huts.

It is sometimes hard to find out what a place is really like when you are there with England, because you are so cut off from it. We were whisked away from the airport to a nice hotel. The team took over the ninth and tenth floors, we had our own chef, our own food, a huge video screen, our own videos, a snooker table, computer games, the lot. It was just like being at Bisham Abbey and yet outside you could see a very different world. We learnt that the average wage over there is just £3 a week and a ticket for the match

That brings poverty home. Yet you can see in the people that they are still proud and that they love their football, even if it costs them so much to watch it. When we arrived at the airport, there were hundreds of people to see us. When we went to training, there were hundreds more just sitting watching us and getting great enjoyment from

I was particularly im-pressed by how friendly the people were and how much they liked us — even though we were the opposition. It was strange, too, going halfway around the world to find that the people knew so much about me. They were chanting my name and they had pictures of me, so they must take an interest in English football.

That was not the only surprise, because I was also left out of the side, of course. No player ever wants to be left out or enjoys the experience. but in this case I knew I had to accept it and get on with it. Glenn Hoddle, the England manager, called me into his room on Friday and told me he was leaving me out and

explained why. He talked about the conditions and such like, but what made sense to me was the fact that he wanted to tighten up the midfield and stop them having space to work in.





sees the downside of travelling with England

Georgia have a lot of highly technical, highly talented players and they showed against Italy that, given space to work in, they can exploit it

In our game against Poland, I believed that we gave them too much space and were too spread out. I thought we needed to close the gaps between defence, mid-field and attack. So I had to accept what the manager was telling me. In those circumstances, you have to deal with the disappointments. The fact is, you have to prepare as if you are playing because you might get on as a substitute in the first minute.

A World Cup qualifying campaign is not like a league campaign. The next match is at home and it could be a very different looking side — 1 might play! In the qualifiers, we will probably use 20-odd players and so it is not just about the 11 on the pitch. Everyone is working together. to put all the squad in with a chance of playing in the finals.

That's why we were all pleased with the performance, because the team played so well out there. Georgia away is one of the tricky games, a match in which it would be easy to slip up, but we approached it in the right way and there were some excellent performances. David Batty was magnificent. He has not started an England game for a while, but he was tigerish and broke everything up in the midfield. I said to him afterwards that I

thought he played brilliantly. England controlled the game and made it an easy job in the end. The good thing is it sets us up for the next match. against Italy. They will see we have dealt professionally with a couple of tricky away matches and, believe me, they will have taken notice of that.

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Northern Ireland deserve their moment of glory

checks glowing, the Northern Ireland supporter was sporting a smile that illuminated the Nuremburg night.

He had driven halfway across Europe with little more than a faint hope that he would not be a silent witness to a slaughter. Now he turned his face skywards, to pronumer to nebody in particular - except, perhaps God -You did me proud, you

beauty. It was half an hour after his team, a rag-tag bunch of Nationwide League players reserves and youngsters, had held Germany to a 1-1 draw on their own turf, in a World Cup qualifying fixture. The enormity of the result was just

beginning to sink in. This was a German side returning for their first home match since lifting the European championship. The trophy was displayed around the stadium before the match, a testimony to their awesome powers. Yet here they were reduced to thumping long halls at the Northern Ireland defence in a desperation borne of frustration. The sight of Klinsmann channe wildly hopeful punts spoke valumes about the Irish

performance. They chased, harried and worried until even the most MATCHES TO COME Day 14: Northern

The state of the s

powerful footballing nation on earth was deflected from its unrelenting stride.

Imagine the reaction if England, who are made up of the Premiership's finest, had carned a credible draw in Germany. Then think that Northern Ireland cannot even boast the first division's finest. That is how spectacular this

Later, there was a smile, too, on the face of Bertie Vogts, the Germany coach, although it could best be described as wry, It was his graceful way of accepting that Northern Irefand deserved their moment of

"We tried to play a short passing game, but Northern ireland denied us space for that game," he said.

"Goals were expected, but they did their job well. It increased the pressure on my players and they took the casy

David Maddock on how the European

champions suffered a rare setback

way out by simply throwing in high balls." Perhaps the most remarkable feature of a remarkable game is that Germany, the very same players who were so disciplined and so organised in lifting the European championship, were

made to look so vulnerable. They were decidedly uncertain in defence, lacked wit and width in midfield, and were without penetration up front. Khinsmann had his least effective match in many a year for his country, and he knew it. He sat next to Vogts in the post-match press conference, bowing his head when his manager, with a prickly criticism, took a sideways swipe at

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"My strikers should have scored with more elegance and more cold blood," he said. Glumly, Klinsmann responded: "Their goal seemed as if it was protected by planks of wood nailed across it." It was an exchange to lift the spirits of any Englishman who hap-

pened to witness that night at

Wembley in June.

There were beroes through out the Northern Ireland team, from the tireless Dowie. of West Ham United, running himself into the ground for the cause, the composed Lomas, of Manchester City, whose performance was more effective than any in the star-studded Germany side, through to the towering Taggart, of Barnsley, whose resolve was as significant as his wonderfully-struck

But none was so important as Tommy Wright, the goal-keeper. He made half a dozen saves of quality, but two stand out. One, in the first half, that appeared to defy science as he somehow found the reactions to block a point-blank header from Babbel. One, in the last few minutes, another test of reflex to deny Bierhoff, the

Wright has endured pain in recent years — the loss of his five-year-old son and three injuries to a jinxed knee that have prevented him from playing for two seasons. How heartening then to see him enjoying himself at last. Last Christmas, I de-

spaired of ever playing again," he said. "In your dreams, you picture yourself during those times, playing again in games like this because that's what keeps you going. But the reality was very different, I never really thought it would happen and that's why it now els so good."

Wright was beaten only once, after 40 minutes, when Germany briefly discovered



Klinsmann: ineffective

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Palace play along to secure rise in status

Crystal Palace Queens Park Rangers ...0

BY DAVID POWELL

THE decision by Crystal Palace not to seek a postponement because of international callups was rewarded at Selfrurst Park yesterday when they moved into second place in the Nationwide League first divi-sion. With their fourth successive league victory, they became the highest scorers in the four divisions.

A recent change in Football League rules offered Palace the chance to request a post-ponement, based on having four players away on international under-21 duty. However, because only two are regulars in his first team, Dave Bassett, the Palace manager, preferred to play on. Bassett wanted to make the lost of his team's form and avoid a backlog of fixtures.

Sky's money for live tele-

vision coverage might have

Scotland prevail Wales routed Hoddle's triumph

helped, too.

Anyway, the two firstteamers in question were back in time to play, albeit though they did not arrive home until only 16 hours before kick-off. Neither showed any illeffects from the journey and changing time zones and it was a goal from one of them. Bruce Dyer, who had played in the England Under-21 victory over Georgia on Friday that the County of the County o day, that set Palace on their way to a victory ultimately clear-cut, but by no means

certain for 70 minutes. They deserved the win, but not by three goals, and Bassett acknowledged that much of their passing had been sloppy. Dyer was the fortunate benfrom Kevin Muscat. When Muscat shot from outside the penalty area, it appeared to be covered by Jurgen Sommer.

Before that, Chris Day, the Palace goalkeeper and the club's other Georgia traveller. had denied QPR the lead with a one-handed save from Steve Slade's shot. A 20-yard drive. by Dougie Freedman was saved by Sommer to deny Palace a two-goal interval

took a wicked deflection into

lead. The second half began with Freedman shooting nar-

rowly over, but it was QPR who looked menacing.

Day had to save point-blank from Daniele Dichio, Slade, clean through, shot wide and Alan McDonald's long-range

volley went fractionally wide. Palace, having the best of the good fortune, went two up after 70 minutes when Neil Shipperley's shot was blocked by McDonald. Freedman zed on the ricochet, but was denied by Sommer, only for Shipperley to be presented with a second chance which he took. Palace's run of four wins, that comes with a 13-1 goal reading, began with Shipperley's first appearance after his il million signing from

David Hopkin fired against the QPR crossbar after 72 minutes and, on the stroke of full-time, beat Sommer from 20 yards after Freedman and Shipperley had seen their shots saved by the goalkeeper.

Last season, Palace's home form cost them promotion. They won only nine of their 23 matches, falling four points short of Derby County, who were promoted as runners-up. This season, Palace have won five out of eight at Selhurst Park while continuing to show

up well away from home. On this day two months ago, Palace were fourteenth provided that Norwich City do not win at Barnsley tomoriow, their match at Bolton Wanderers on Saturday will be a clash of the top two. It will be a stiff test of character for the team that Bassett describes as "exceptionally

young".
When Stewart Houston took over as manager two months ago, QPR were above Palace in sixth place; now, they are twelfth, having played more games than the majority around them, only li points taken from 11 matches since Houston arrived.

wandrawn his transfer request and can expect new team colleagues soon. "I would like players to the club," Houston. who has money to spend, said.



Muscat, left, the Palace defender, tackles Mark Graham during the defeat of Queens Park Rangers yesterday

Brentford tussle with life on high

tough at the - almost - top. Not a single win in their past four Nationwide second division games; and this time, at Griffin Park, they threw away a two-goal lead against Stock-

port County in the last 12

David Webb, their usuallyexuberant manager, was not a bit pleased. "Charity, wasn't it, really?" he asked. "Christmas charity came early, so we can start putting a stop to it. Inexperience, more than anything else. I never see any of my players rollick each other or get back and help out. They things." And, as he intimated,

about having "switched off after we got the second goal". Brentford are a curious team, in the image of Robert Taylor, their strong, rangy attacker, previously used at centre forward but now deployed in midfield. There is nothing elegant about him. At times, he can look positively clumsy; at other times, he will startle with a superbly-struck and deverly-conceived pass.

Brian Glanville sees the Griffin Park side let slip a two-goal advantage

Even he, though, was not exonerated by Webb.

"Bob fell in the trap as well, really," Webb said. "After we got the two goals, he sat on the edge of the box, and we didn't do things as quickly as usual." Brentford, in second spot in the division, could have scored as early as the ninth

minute, through Taylor. He stole, unmarked, into place on the left of goal, was well spotted and served by Smith and Forster, cooly lobbed er, only for Flynn to pop up and head the ball over. A comple of minutes late

Stockport, always functional rather than inspired, were at the other end, where Jeffers and Angell set up Mutch, who swung at the ball and missed it completely. Well, Cantona did just the same thing, playing for Manchester United again Fenerbahçe. Taylor continued sporadically to do fine pass that found the everactive Forster, Jones, always more reliable on the ground than in the air, dived to turn

Taylor, yet again, found Forster, who negotiated Jones, only for Dinning to deflect his shot behind. Not until nine minutes into the second half did Brentford score. Forster launched Omigie. Jones did well to block at his feet, but Canham put in the loose ball.

the shot for a corner.

Fifteen minutes from time. Forster hit Brentford's second. powerful drive from 25 yards, but one which scarcely looked irresistible

Febb said: "Nicky gets a goal there out of nothing. There were much easier chances to

Surprisingly easy seemed Stockport's reply, only min-utes later. Angell rising to head in Marsden's right-wing corner at the near post. David Jones, the manager of the Stockport team that put Blackburn Rovers out of the

Park and waits to play away to West Ham United, is trying to make Angell's loan from Sunderland permanent.

Stockport seem to have rehabilitated Angell after his wilderness years at Goodison and Roker Park. "When Brett came, the first three months, we knew we had to get him fit," Jones said. "His form and his confidence took an almighty drop. The boy wants to do it, that's the main thing." As Jones pointed out, Stockport were missing Armstrong.

their main scorer. His team. Jones said, make a habit of coming from behind. "It's we've instilled into them," he said. "It's not the first time we've done it. I honestly thought when we got to 2-2 we might have won it." The equaliser was a strike

by Cavaco, the Portugese substitute, six minutes from the end. "I just hope we learn from it." Webb said.

BRENTFORD (4-4-2). K Dearden — Hurde, D McGhee, J Bates. I Anderso (sub: L Harvey, 87min); P Smith, M Bent, I Taylor, S Cartham — N Forster, J Ornige STOCKPORT COUNTY 4-4-2: P Jones — S Connelly, M Flym, A Dinning, L Todd — I Durlan (sub: R Landon, 73), C Marsden, Bennett, J Jothers — B Angel, A Mutch (sub: L Cavaco, 65).

Millwall's image on an upward curve with **Nicholl**

Bristol City Miliwali

By PAT GIBSON

IT IS time that Millwall changed their tune. No one likes them and they don't care, or so their supporters never tire of telling us, yet there was plenty to like about them at Ashton Gate and at least one good reason why we should all

Miliwall are on top of the Nationwide League second division and they have got there by keeping faith with the passionate belief of Jimmy Nicholl, their manager, in short, sharp passing football. Nicholl's team bears no resemblance to the old image of Millwall.

"I don't believe that you just win games with blood and guts," he said in the match programme. "You go and do your work, you do your hustling, and the harder you work, the quicker you get the ball back. Then you can start playing your game. You don't

have to be nasty about it." His players were as good as his words. They faced a fear-some challenge from a Bristol City side full of confidence after emulating Millwall's run of seven games without defeat, but, inspired by Bowry, their cultured captain, in midfield, they never stopped trying to

play their own game. There were times when the sheer force of City's attacking play threatened to overwhelm them, but Millwall's patience was finally rewarded in the 77th minute when Dair's through ball released Crawford and he finished with great aplomb.

There seemed to be no way back for City after that, but Milwall had reckoned without an influence from beyond the field. Five minutes after Crawford's goal, the referee seemed perfectly happy with Witter's challenge on Seal. which left the substitute sprawling 20 yards from the Millwall goal. One of his linesmen, flagging furiously. not only insisted that it was a foul, but also that Witter

should be cautioned. As if that was not punishment enough. Barnard then struck the free kick superbly with his left foot into the top left-hand corner, which left Nicholl complaining that referees should make their own decisions and not be talked into changing their minds. He had a point

Hungover Oldham stuck with just the memories

Oldham Athletic

Portsmouth

By MARK HODKINSON

SUN-BLEACHED stickers bearing the name of Oldham Athletic are fastened to car windows throughout the Lancashire town. They are reminders of a glorious past only just out of touching distance. A Littlewoods Cup final appearance in 1990. three seasons in the top division, international players, inflatable spotted dogs already it has a ghostly. unreal hue.

Oldham Athletic today are the morning after the party of the night before, a town with its blinds drawn, especially on Saturdays when cars and their jaunty stickers stay in the driveway.

Only the staunch remain and they don overcoats and gloves to trudge the damp streets to Boundary Park. The "Good Time Charlies", as the locals dub them, have now left the fold, to find glamour and glory elsewhere.

Third from bottom in the Nationwide League first division and with just one home victory in ten previous matches, the omens for the visit of Portsmouth were not good and the game was dire. Both teams played complex, tacti-cal formations, but there was not enough basic proficiency to make them work.

They followed the ball, kicking it wantonly, until, finally, the match became a dense broth of boredom. Oldham fell upon a trio of chances after half-time. Barlow headed into Flahaven's arms from close range and

Rickers twice shot wide. David Hillier, making his debut for Portsmouth, decided that Oldham in November is no place to be. After being tackled fiercely by Henry, he trampled on him as he lay on the ground and continued doing so for some time, just to guarantee the sending off and a soothing long bath.

"I cannot defend David's actions." Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager, said, before proceeding to do just that, "but it was a foul on him in the tirst place

Oldham found playing ten men as difficult as a full complement and continued to opponent, Towards the end. Portsmouth suggested that the match ended goalless.

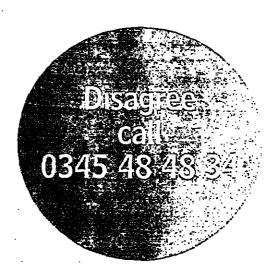
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Passion in the suburbs adds weight to 'non-event'

To return to Enfield's football ground after a gap of. I think, 14 years, was to drive a relatively deep fissure through the variegated seams of time. I recalled making a pilgrimage across London to watch mighty Tooting and Mitcham take on Enfield in an "important" match at the top of the Isthmian League.

I covered Tooling and Mitcham for the Balham and Tooting News, and surely all of Tooting and much of Balham rejoiced in the soaring header of Nicky Glover, Alas, not enough to prevent Enfield's victory. Glover, a man of austere, almost monk-like appearance. later that season left Tooting after socking one of his mates on the pitch. He then joined Enfield. perhaps knowing that he had left his best years behind him at Sandy Lanc, Mitcham.

On Saturday, then, brimming

with memories of the colossal importance of the ancient strife of the suburbs. I saw Enfield, in fourth place in the less League premier division, receive a visit from the leaders. Yeovil Town, and dispatch them 3-0.

The Southbury Road ground is also the home of Saracens, one of the leading rugby clubs in the country. If anything spelled out the difference between the importance of the sports in the national life, it

was this. Enfield are not one of the leading football clubs of the country, they are not even one of the leading nonleague clubs, playing as they do in the league below the Vauxhall Conference. The facilities, smallscale but certainly comfortable enough, are at least adequate for

This is a footballing nation. Football matters, with heroic abSimon Barnes finds much to commend on a

minor stage as Enfield take on Yeovil Town

surdity, to the finest performers of the Premiership and to the lowliest of players on the park pitches you can see beyond the ground. It wouldn't be worth doing if it didn't matter. And after all, it is no more absurd to care about the fate of the men of Enfield than the men of Manchester.

There, striding onto the pitch, was a figure who had never dwell long on the question of football's absurdity: Graham Roberts, looking not much more senescent than when he was a ball-winning midfield player for Tottenham Hotspur in the early Eighties, but he looked middle-aged even then. When not engrossed in his

appointed task of confrontation,

Roberts would make occasional forays upfield, a pratice he would charmingly refer to as "makin' me surgin' runs". At 37, he surges a little less these days, but as Yeovil's player-manager (and a former Enfield player-manager to boot) he lurks about moodily at the back.

He is considering his options, and is expected to make an announcement about his future, at least as a player, in midweek. Perhaps the weekend drubbing will help him to make up his mind. The thought that even he might have had enough football is, in a way, a relief.

Non-league football is a business much misunderstood by those who have nothing to do with it. It is not quaint or charming at all. It is as brutally, absurdly serious as any other form of football.

The patterns of football remain tent at this level, as at every level. This was a game of the managerial master-stroke: George Borg, the Enlield manager. swopped a midfield player for an attacker after half-time, played briefly with three up front, and his boldness won the day.

The dashing substitute, St Hilaire, managed to collect a mighty shove in the box, and Moran scored from the penalty with a flourist. St Hilaire then found himself adroitly positioned when the goalkeeper's mistimed punch fell to him, and he cracked the volley bome emphatically. A couple of minutes later, at the end of a swaggering passing-move-ment, Moran himself was brought down and had another penalty. He

Enfield are an ambitious nonleague club - this being, of course. a footballing tautology. It is the task of all non-league clubs to be endiessly ambitious and always in the same place in football's scheme of things. That, after all, is the way things are meant to be. There was another non-league team I covered in those far-off Balham and Tooting days: doing pretty well, as I recall, in the Southern League. What was their name? Ah yes. Wimbledon, I wonder what hap-

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pened to them?

FOOTBALL: SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE UPLIFTING FORCES AT WORK IN THE DARKEST DEPTHS OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

Warming to the winter wonder land

Following East Stirlingshire is good for the heart, as Michael Henderson discovers

hen Steve Coppell was rehearsing his farewell speech at Maine Road last Friday, unable to extend his professional involvement by a single kick, another beleaguered football manager was carrying on. By day. Billy Little teaches English at Graeme High School, Falkirk. In his other, slightly more public, job. he manages East Stirlingshire, who make Manchester City look like

To fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run: Little would give his eye teeth for that. His players are duffers. Their position, at the bottom of the Bell's Scottish League third division, reveals as much, and history offers no prospect of improvement. In 116 years the club has won one trophy, the old second division champion-ship, way back in 1932, and only 398 people watched their last home game. If Coppell felt engulfed by the rising waves then Little is anchored to the

East Stirlingshire have won only two league matches this season and, on the evidence of their performance at Forfar on Saturday, when they lost 3-0 in front of a crowd of 325 and had Ross Kerr sent off for dissent, it is stretching things to expect two more. Forfar, third division champions in 1995 and relegated last season, are one

of the sides they have beaten. it would not strictly be true to say that Forfar, "the Loons". were much better. "This is the worst Forfar team I've ever seen." a visiting fan pronounced shortly before the third goal went in. There was no irony intended, or sarcasm. These people still love their team, defects and all. To them, all is known, and all is forgiven. Each Saturday is a that bad, actually,", one fan said. "We just can't score

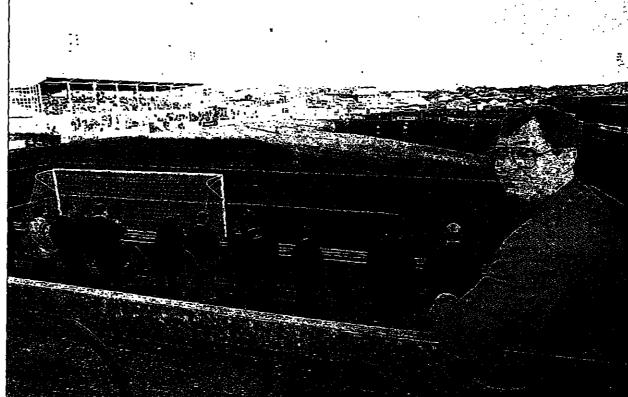
Ostensibly these part-timers belong to the world of professional sport, but it is not a world shared by the footballers who represented Scotland against Sweden at Ibrox Park yesterday. Some may graduate to a higher level. Most just carry on for the love of the game, which is nothing to sneer at in an age of rapacious agents and foul hangers-on. East Stirlingshire's players will have received £35, give or take a few pennies, for their week's work. Had they won they would have got £30 more. So Station Park, which For-

far call home, made a bracing antidote to the weekend of World Cup football. The leading because it is squeezed between a cattle market and farmland, with a sheep pen at one end and an industrial estate at the other.

t is the sort of place where players and supporters mingle happily after the match in the little stand that houses the dressing-rooms, munching bridies and checking on how the big clubs have fared. Gary Mitchell, the referee on Saturday, sings with the Angus Black and White Minstrels in his spare time.

The farmland begins no more than 20 yards from the main entrance. In fact, should the harbed wire fence that separates it from the road ever be clipped, an enterprising heiffer could easily wander through the turnstile by the half-time tea cabin. Whether it would wish to stay for long is another matter. There was not much here to enliven a cold early winter afternoon. Alan Morgan, after being

impeded by McDougall, the visitors' goalkeeper, gave For-



Michael Henderson, and 324 other hardy souls, soak up the unmistakable atmosphere of Station Park, Forfar

far the lead with a penalty in the first half. Ian McPhee increased the lead 20 minutes from time, and fain Lee added a third. East Stirlingshire may consider themselves hard done by. Their No 11, a trialist, headed against the bar when the game was goalless and then hit the post early in the second half.

Still, none of the 36 fans in the visitors' section were complaining too much. Followers of teams this hopeless offer their love unconditionally. One Shire fan, Brian Stocks, made four bus journeys to get to the game from his Edinburgh home, and the return trip occupied the better part of Saturday night. If, sometimes, he wears a face like a bag of

spanners, nobody should won- it? "We won 5-4 on penalties. local significance, and where "It's very much a social

thing, supporting this club," explained Ross Strang, who cut a senatorial figure among the crowd in his trilby. He follows East Stirlingshire home and away, and was on the board until last year. You get the impression that it was a burden he was happy to relinguish.

"If I miss a match." he said, "I become intolerable on a Saturday afternoon, I missed a cup-tie earlier this season against Clydebank because I was visiting Brittany for a Celtic music festival, and I spent the whole of the afternoon listening to the radio to find out the score." What was

Some French television cam- locals can train with the eramen caught me later that players of a Thursday evening, night, standing on a bar in L'Orient, singing Scottish

ven when the season surrenders to summer there is no satisfying this supporter. The 13 weeks between the beginning of May and when the new season starts are awful but we have junior grade football up here, and that keeps us going into June. I hate summer Saturdays - though I'll watch a

Test match if it's on the box." This is a province of modest hopes, where the phrase he formerly plied his trade with Queen's Park" carries some

if they care to. Nobody is going to come down too hard on these players, or on Billy Little when he returns to school this morning, because nothing much is expected.

Forfar are now unbeaten in five games, a good run for them, and on Saturday they are at home again, to Montrose. It will be no day for faint heats, for a hard frost set in yesterday, but there are compensations. The view from behind the goal at Station Road, towards the snow-crested hills in the north, is

marvellous. For East Stirlinshire, snow or not, it is always winter.

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his eiusive form. He swivelled

neatly to put away a ball played in by Foster to make it

i-0 in the 33rd minute, and

went down under Crookes's

challenge for a penalty, con-

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Northwich had Walters

Mullery's challenge brings swift

Barnet . Rochdale

By KEITH PIKE

STRESS? Steve Coppell does not know the half of it. Managing Barnet - now that is stress (supporting them, too). So what was it that tempted Alan Mullery to leave a nice, warmi studio for ramshackle Underhill? Most certainly not the money, the

was quite happy with what I sold to me ... I could not turn it down. The challenge was

there: be successful." The salesman was Tony Kleanthous, the chairman of one of the Nationwide League's newest and most notorious clubs, and pretty pleased he is entitled to be. Mullery's five full games in charge have produced three wins and two draws, and

Barnet being Barnet, though, nothing is so straightforward. Mullery has chosen not to include in his resume the 1-0 defeat at Colchester United last month when, newly appointed as director of football, he grasped the managerial reins at half-time from Terry Gibson, who thought he was still in charge of team

ager in four months, after Ray Clemence left to join the England coaching staff in August and Terry Bullivant, his temporary successor, resigned because he was not given the job full-time. Barnet being Barnet, of course Bullivant rejoined as Mullery's assistant on Friday. Flashman and Fry may have gone, but the club's legendary quirkiness lives on.

Their victory over Rochdale was typically fraught. Ahead through Sean Devine's exquisite lob and, having already missed three routine chances, Barnet found themselves behind with an hour gone as Alan Pardew, the captain, first turned Farrell's cross into his own net via a post and then blundered to allow Deary to score Rochdale's second.

Hardyman for a thumping equaliser and Wilson hit an emphatic winner from the penalty spot after Stuart's trip on Tomlinson with 12 minutes

ID go.

BARNET (4-4-2: M Taylor — S Gale, A Pardew (sub) D McDonaid, 67mml, L Primas, P Hardyman — M Tominson, P Wason, P Structor, (sub) R Coder, 591, C Campbell — G Brazil (sub: L Hodges, 591, S Darkins, ROCHBALE (4-42; C Gray — A Fensome (sub) J Deary, 311, K Hall, A Johnson, A Fanell — A Fusical, M Leonard, A Gouck, M Saust — R Painter, S Whitehalt, Reference, A D'Urso.

results

glamour or the kudos. "The challenge," Mullery explained on Saturday after his new charges had beaten Rochdale Approaching 55 and nine years out of manage-ment he had had no intentions" of returning. "Management had passed me by. I was doing in television and radio], but the way the job was

eighth place in the third

affairs and promptly quit.

Mullery is their fourth man-

Mullery's substitutions worked a treat. Devine set up

the fourth round with a b-3 home win over Havant

It was plain sailing for other premier division clubs with Cannock, East Grinstead, Hounslow and Guildford all going through comfortably. Crutchley scored five goals for Cannock in the 13-0 victory over Crostyx.

Reading took over the leadership in the premier division of the National League on Saturday after a 3-2 victory over Cannock, Wyatt, Oscroft and Ashdown scored for Reading with Crutchley and Edwards, from a short corner.

share second place with Cannock and Old Loughtonians. Attala scored twice for Southgate. Nick Thompson replied for Old Loughtonians, but ended the day with another suspension two minutes before the end.

Slough pay for their slow start

BY ALIX RAMSAY

their position at the top of the premier division of the women's national league, but, after suffering their first defeat of the season on Saturday, 3-2 away to Ipswich, they are doing so by only their

fingertips.

They have never liked to play matches early in the day and, forced out of bed for a 12.30pm start, they looked half asleep for the first 35 minutes as Ipswich were allowed to run riot. Ipswich opened the scoring after two minutes, when Kirsten Spencer had a second bite at a penalty corner. Sarah Bamfield made it 2-0 20 minutes later and, just before half-time. Spencer con-

Ipswich tried to protect their their lead in the second half, but defence has never been their strongest suit and the momentum slowly began to

Slough got their break-through after 41 minutes. Karen Brown scoring from a penalty stroke, and, after Julia Robertson scored their second with five minutes to go. Slough piled forward in

search of the equaliser. Ipswich may wish to make a special award to Annette Strange for devotion above and beyond the call of duty. With yet more trouble brewing around the lpswich goal, she launched herself at the ball and was felled by a ferocious shot. The danger was averted, but Strange may not be cycling to work for a few days yet. The win puts Ipswich level on points with Slough, who keep pole position by virtue of their better goal difference,

Cardiff made to pay for playing on

BY IND TENNANT

IT IS not merely the leading clubs who go in for grandiloquent nomenclature. Even Cardiff City, who are hoping to appoint a new manager this week, can give a decent professional such as Kenny Hibbitt the title of director of football and allow him to run his own show. Never again, he says, will be allow his team to play a competitive match at a time

ing place. Hibbitt should have requested that this fixture be posiponed, for four of his players had been a part of Wales' Under 21 squad last week. Also, there was a competing attraction in Holland yesterday. "It is asking a lot of

when internationals are tak-

between watching Wales or coming to what might prove to he one of our biggest matches of the season." he said.

indeed. In fact, the gate, 6.144, was by some way Car-diff's biggest of the season. Hibbitt would have liked to have played the leaders at a less congested time of year. only he knew that was fanciful thinking. Such a time does not exist. He would have requested a postponement had his club not already taken part in fewer matches than all their fellow contenders for promotion in the Nationwide League third division.

Hibbitt, who once played with his opposite number. Mickey Adams (Fulham's mere player-manager) at Coventry City, will continue in his present role alongside a new manager, if and when one is annointed. Ian Atkins, of nied speculation that he will be taking over at a club which, on Saturday, looked more likely to finish in the middle of the table than be

Contrast that with the confidence seeping through Fulham's expressive team, from Herrera, the long-haired full back, who, like one or two others, is playing at a level beneath his capabilities, to Conroy, who has now scored 15 goals this season, more than anybody else. He is no daydreamer: in the very first minute, he stooped and headed in Scott's long cross, instantaneously taking up the

correct position. Fulham were a further goal ahead before half-time, this also created by Scott. Weaving his way towards goal, he was shoved in the back by Perry. and Blake, the central defend-

penalty kick. It was a decision over which Cardiff could hardly quibble, although needless to say they did.

After that, there seemed to be scant likelihood of the result changing. It was quite unnecessary for Watson and Cusack to spend so long taking free kicks that the referee could only assume that they were wasting time. He booked the pair of them. In the penultimate minute, White did pull back a goal for Cardiff, who were at last looking a competent team. but, like their dallying over the fixture list, it was all too late. CARDIFF CITY (3-5-2) T Elect — J E⇒hurdt JPerru L Baddeley — H Fleming C Meddelon, J Fowler 1 Finitiplair, J Gardner Josh M Bernett, 45met — S Write, C Dale

PULHAM (3-5-2) T Lange — N Cusada D Cullip M Base — P Welson, P Corpentor, G Coderis S Mongan (3-2) T Angus, 75, R Hottera — M Contoy, R Scott (subt P Procher 80

Steele rediscovers his form at the right time Chappie said. Happily for Woking, their goals on Satur-day came from another

Woking Northwich Victoria 1

By Walter Gammie

BARRY FRY, the Peter-United owner/borough manager, spoilt a birthday meal that Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, was enjoying in a restaurant last Thursday night by saying that he had rejected the club's £20,000 offer for Guiliano Grazioli.

Fry's valuation of the forward, scorer of six goals in the five-match winning streak that has shot Woking from twelfth to third in the Vauxhali Conference is £35,000, and he now returns to London Road. "I'm still interested, but it's now up to the management committee;"

their midfield player, sent off. but rallied to pull a goal back through a penalty by Bishop, only for Steele to pounce as Greygoose dropped a shot by Jones in the 84th minute. WORDING (5-2-1-2): L Badly — S Wye, T HOWARD, S Foctor, K Brown, R Taylor — S THOMPON, S Foctor, K Brown, R Taylor — S THOMPON, T Jenes — S Steele — G Grazoll, C Walker — S Steele — G Grazoll, C Walker — W Simpson, D Crookes, C Duffy (sub; P Hall, ESTIN) — W Farclough — O Wand, S Walters, E Bishoo, D Vicary — I Cooke, L Sheele.
Referee: P Vicapor.

Straight from your screen

By Sydney Friskin SOUTHGATE'S weekend campaigning ended with two outstanding successes, a 2-1 victory over Old Loughtonians in the National League on Saturday and a passage into the fourth round of the Hockey Association Cup yesterday after they had beaten Barford

HOCKEY

Southgate

progress

in league

and cup

Tigers 3-2 Barford Tigers got away to a line start with Dharminder Singh converting a short corner in the twelfth minute, but goals by Woods and Gibbins sent Southgate into the inter-

yal leading 2-l.
James Duthie increased
Southgate's lead from a short
corner early in the second half,
but Barford Tigers never gave up the chase. In the last minute. Pritipal Bhurji reduced the arrears from a

penalty stroke.

Teddington, the cup winners in 1994, also qualified for

replying for Cannock.
Southgate's victory over Old
Loughtonians enabled them to

verted another corner.

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Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie's gentle revolution at Lord's

President campaigning for a ministry of fun

t is fashionable to bring down the people in authority through malicious gossip about their past and there is a myth circulating that, way back in 1961, the new president of MCC ascribed his cricketing philosophy to "wine, women and song". An ugly lie, of course, Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie actually made the remark in 1958.

Revision of his image goes no farther than dates. He is 63 now, semi-retired and with a look of comfortable, well-groomed afflu-ence, but Ingleby-Mackenzie is the same man that he always was defiantly disinclined to regret the remarks and reputation that have adhered to him for almost 40 years.

"Why should I resent it? That line reflects my character pretty faithfully," he said. "I have always been frivolous about the game because I have wanted people to enjoy it. It probably made me an unlikely candidate for this post. Personally, I am positively amazed to find myself president."

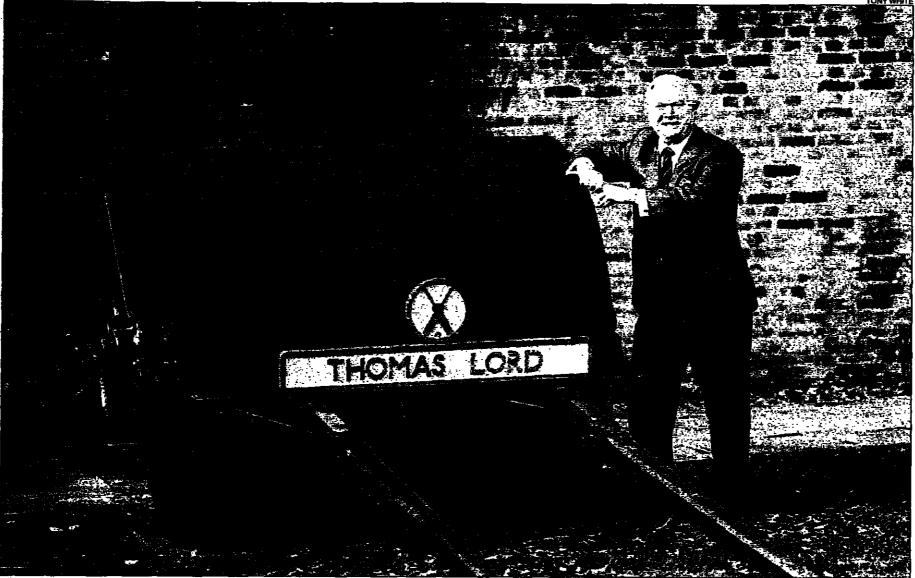
He has been in office for six weeks and has faced some early trials of character, indications of the conflicts that lie ahead. Vast changes are imminent at Lord's, architecturally and philosophically. The redevelopment of the ground may coincide with another

vote on accepting women mem-bers. As one would expect from his previous sayings, it is the sort of challenge from which ingleby-Mackenzie will not shrink. His infamous quote was uttered

as he attempted to lead Hampshire to the county championship in his first season as captain. They eventually came second, Surrey taking the title for the seventh successive season, but, by the time that Hampshire went one better, in 1961, the style and outlook of their leader was known to all.

"Few captains," opined Wisden in 1959, "have made so promising a start . . . the spirit of enterprise and the insistence on all-out attack were Ingleby-Mackenzie's personal contribution. On occasion, he threatened to overstep the bounds into recklessness ... " Again, a testa-ment to his career, indeed to his life, with which he has no quartel.

I spoke about wine, women and song in an interview at a time when there was an element of nervousness in the camp, which was unusual. We had the unassailable



High roller: Ingleby-Mackenzie has rarely missed a gamble throughout his life, but there is an increasing air of certainty about his presidency of the MCC

target in our sights and it was hard are those, with talent, who would for me to keep the fun momentum. So, when I was then asked what rules I laid down to the players, I said that I always made sure they were in bed by breakfast-time."

He was never an exceptional player. His left-handed batting owed more to a sharp eye, strength and self-belief than to classical technique. "Most of his runs were made with a cross bat," Wisden sniffed. He was an amateur by ethos and agreement. I played purely for fun and I believe there do so today," he said.

For his role models, he points to Denis Compton, Keith Miller and Roy McLean. "They are my greatest cricketing friends and I speak to each of them every week, but I also admire the way they played," he said. "People went to watch them. and it didn't matter what the teams were, or the venue or occasion."

A man who shared ingleby-Mackenzie's gregarious nature shaped his business career. "Bryan Valentine, who played for Kent and

spinner, who claimed three for 29. McIntyre ensured that

England A's last seven wickets

fell for 29 runs in 17.4 overs

and left them almost certain to

lose a first-class match for the

first time since being beaten

Mark Butcher fell for only

17, trapped leg-before by Mark

Harrity's in-swinging yorker, and Michael Vaughan and

Anthony McGrath, the York-

Intyre to Jamie Siddons at slip five overs later, and South

Australia needed no further

invitation to run through

England A's brittle batting

McIntyre bowled Mark

Ealham and Warren Hegg

was given out after apparently

playing and missing a ball

that bounced out of the gloves

of Tim Nielsen, the wicket-

keeper, and was caught by

Siddons. The dismissal in

identical fashion of Ashley

Giles gave Australia's deputy

leg spinner four wickets in as

Young completed the rout when Craig White edged to

Siddons, giving him his fourth

catch of the innings, and

deep by Jason Gillespie.

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many overs.

by Natal in January 1994.

England, was my mentor in the insurance business," he said. "He was all fun and gin and tonics and I learnt a great deal from him." Working initially under Valentine, Ingleby-Mackenzie advanced to chair the Holmwoods company.

specialists in education insurance. For the past 20 years, he has served on various MCC committees, but it never entered his head that he might graduate to the presidency. "I am a risk man," he said. I find the gamble exciting. whether in business or on the

racetrack, and some people may think Oliver Popplewell took the biggest risk of his life when he put me up to succeed him."

The new man has some distinct advantages. One is geographical, as his back garden borders Lord's. His main asset, however, is his effervescent personality, which will provide the best conceivable public relations for a club of perpetual influence and distinction as it confronts inevitable problems in its efforts to modernise.

On October 16 he faced the

members for the first time at a meeting designed as a forum for their grievances and fears. "I was very twitchy," he said. "I thought it could turn into the shortest presi-

was as bad as going in to bat at Lord's for Eton at the age of 15 the same dryness of the throat." He sailed through, of course. leaving his audience charmed. The controversial new media centre was debated — as it will be again before a special general meeting

dency ever. Standing up to speak

'I have always been frivolous about the game because I wanted people to enjoy it'

subject of women. "But only," the president said, "in the same breath as the old chestnut about smoking in the Long Room.

Not that Ingleby-Mackenzie underplays the impact of the women's issue. Indeed, independent of the Sports Council expressing its view that National Lottery funds were inappropriate for a sexist club, he revived the subject himself by suggesting, in his first newsletter to members: "It is time this matter was introduced and we must not be frightened by the opposite sex." He has now set up a five-man working party, which will report to the committee this month. "If they recommend it, we shall put it to a members' vote," he said

The president pointed out that a two-thirds majority would be needed to admit applications from women and that they would still face a wait of up to 15 years. "There will be no queue-hopping, although personally I think it would be a good idea if few selective honorary memberships were offered," he said. "First, though, I want the whole issue aired. It is five years since there was last a vote and I hate things festering under the carpet."

Ingleby-Mackenzie believes that through the MCC committee register will confirm, "Whether it is cricket, property, finance, legal matters or marketing, I have good men on hand." he said, "and I have the secretary, Roger Knight, next door, so there is no excuse for a lack of communication."

One of the greatest honours is to have an Australian tour during my time, but there are many challenges to face. It is a short innings, though I am well used to those, and I will certainly not be changing my approach. If I suddenly became very responsible, people would be

CRICKET

Gatting's pleas unheeded

FROM a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

ENGLAND A discovered the and finish with six for 60. It wisdom of Mike Gatting's warnings shout the competitiveness of Australian cricket after finishing the third day of their tour match with South Australia on the brink of

Gatting, the England A cuach, has spent long hours with his 14-strong party pre-paring them, but that wellmeaning advice failed to prevent his charges from capitulating yesterday.

Dean Headley, the Kent fast

howler, had strengthened his claims for a full England place with an ourstanding spell in which he used variety, pace and bounce to claim the final four South Australia wickets

ENGLAND A: First innings
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earned England A an 18-run first-innings lead. Four hours later, however,

Headley was needed to bowl again after England A were dismissed for 151, leaving South Australia, the Sheffield Shield holders, needing just 170 for victory, a target that they had reduced by six without loss at the close.

Peter McIntyre, the leg spinner, who returned from Australia's tour of India a day before the match, was the architect of England A's spectacular demise with a spell of four wickers for five runs in 21 balls.

Bowling in tandem with Bradley Young, the left-arm

SOULENS, Gilespie 14-6-30-0: Hamiy 1:4-24-1; Baseti 5-0-16-0; Mchryne 22-7-43-4 Scuden 5-3-8-2; Young 10-4-2-29-3.

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Second Innings

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A STATE OF THE STA

Britain drifting in unsponsored waters Torway has one. Swe- ility to build a top yacht? Not THE BUSINESS sored by a Dutch company has been attempting to drum run by Scandinavians). OF SPORT ready for an entry. The prob-The yacht will have a big lem is the perennial British event surrounding it at each of

lia has one and supermodel Elle MacPherson will be sailing on it. The United States has one. Canada has one. Even the Ukraine has one, and it is up to its ears in debt. Yet, as you read this, it is likely that, when the Whitbread Round the World Race, the British-originated and British-sponsored grand prix of ocean yachting, starts in Southampton on September 21 next year, it will lack a serious British competitor for the second race running.

shire baismen, fell How has this come about? successive overs to Joe Scuderi Do we lack top yacht people? after a plucky 42-run partner-No. In Lawrie Smith, who has ship for the second wicket. been contracted to captain one of the Swedish EF Education it was an ill-advised drive to boats, and Gordon Maguire, mid-off by Adam Hollioake, the captain, who had hit Young for three fours in the who is looking for finance but now has signed for Smith's same over, which sparked the crew, we have two world-class sailors ready to skipper British Owais Shah, who had entries. Do we lack the capabplayed uncomfortably against the all-spin attack, edged Mc-

bugbear of finance. No British company seems prepared to put its hand in its pocket to finance a challenge. Amazingly, there are 14

British entries sailing in the BT Global Challenge, the semi-professional round-theworld race, but this is a different kettle of fish. For a start, most of the crews have paid for their berth, either out their own pocket, or through company sponsorship. The sums are much smaller, the cost for sponsors is around £500,000 a boat. Yet. in yachting terms, the BT Global Challenge is the Vauxhall Conference compared with the Premiership,

which is the Whitbread. To mount a proper entry for the Whitbread, a sponsor needs to put up at least £5



million. This appears to pander to the historic image of yachting sponsorship once described as like tearing up £50 notes in a shower". but when compared with the £20 million or so that you need to be the lead sponsor for even a middling Formula One racing team, it is chicken feed.

For that £5 million, the yacht is named after your company, as was Smith's 1993-94 entry, Intrum Justicia (ironic that the nearest thing to a British entry had been spon-

the nine staging posts, which are in large cities on five continents. There was a television audience of 26 billion in 177 countries for the last race. This one should be even larger, with BBC's Grandstand devoting a whole afternoon to the launch, plus a halfhour weekly programme.

been approached. Rothmans. which backed a previous British entry, is up to its ears in the Williams Formula One team. Boots, which has a worldwide pharmaceutical launch. looked keen, before the plans were rejected at board level because the company had previously had bad experiences in sports sponsorship.

James Dunning, the managing director of International Sponsorship Management,

up finance for a boat skippered by Maguire. This entry is at least at the eleventh hour. as it would take five months to build the yacht and a similar amount of time to train the

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Cut cigarenes may be prepared to put up the money for an all-British entry led by Smith, whose crew is thought to be contracted to him rather than to EF Education. The challenge would be timed to coincide with the impending float on the Stock Market of Gallahers, Silk Cut's owners. which is being sold by its parent. American Brand. Even the sticking point that Smith is a famous smoker of Benson and Hedges should not be too much of an issue that brand is owned by Gallahers as well.

JASON NISSE

ROWING: PINSENT'S LATE DASH FOR VICTORY AT FOURS HEAD IS THWARTED BY CAMBRIDGE CREW

lympians steer Leander on course for title

ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ON A day when the tide conditions seemed to benefit later starters. Leander retained their Fours Head title with their quadruple scull, which started at 295. The crew, which comprised James Cracknell and Rob Thatcher, the Olympic double pairing, and Ben Hunt-Davis and Richard Hamilton, from the Olympic eight. started directly ahead of a German four that won the lightweight silver medal at the world championships. The Germans gained ground in the

early stages, but better steering and

more power gave the Britons victory by 11 seconds.

British Olympic medal-winners in the line-up were edged out of the silverware. Matthew Pinsent, stroking the leading Leander coxed four. started almost at the back after a dash by tube and car, rather than the scheduled motorbike, from the Lord Mayor's Show.

"Å bit panicky, and not the healthiest way to row the Fours Head," Pinsent said after his crew were beaten into second place in the coxed section, by six seconds, by Cambridge's leading crew.

The Searle brothers, gold medal-

winners at the Games in Barcelona in 1992, teamed up with Jim Walker and Graham Smith, their fellow internationals, to lead off the 500-crew flotilla in the quadruple sculls and finished sixth, all bar one of the crews that beat them coming from low starting places.

The exception was Tideway Scullers, in fourth place with Peter Haining, the Olympic sculler and triple world champion, at bow, who finished just behind a composite crew with three Danish sculling champions on board.

Oxford replied to Cambridge's coxed four win with the best coxless performance. Oxford's winning crew

was stroked by Tim Foster, the Olympic bronze medal-winner. Thames RC dominated the women's

classes. Their winning quadruple scull, which won with ease, included Guin Batten, the Olympic finalist, and Jane Hall, the world gold and silver medal-winner.

Their winning coxless four, which was pushed close by Marlow, included Ali Gill and Ann Marie Stapleton, from the Olympic eight. and Alison Brownless, who has amassed a gold and five silver medals at the world championships.

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Organisation heavyweight championship: Angeles 4. Saturday: Chicago 4 Philadelphia 1; Hartiord 4 Buttelo 3 OT, Boston 4 Otsawa 3; New Jersey 4 NY Islanders 0, Washington 3 NY Rangers 2; Fordie 4 Pittsburgh 2; Toronto 7 Edmonton 3. Colorado 5 Montreal 2; St.Louis 3 Calgery 2. NETBALL **BADMINTON** WEMBLEY: International match; England 42 Jamaica 43 (Jamaica win sanes 3-0). HONG KONG: Open tournament: Men: Cuartar-finels: B Santoso (Indo) bt D Bhattacharge: findla) 157, 17-8, F Parmadi (Tanwani bi S B Nieton (Den) 15-6, 15-7; Salim (Indo) bt W Choong Hann (Malaysta) 15-3, 15-3; T Suser-Laurdisen (Den) bt 1 Wiyaya (Indo) 15-10, 16-18, 15-12; Semi-Bratis: Parmadi bt Santoso 15-9, 10-15, 15-10; Salin N. Smell audden) [5.11 AKGM GRAND, Las Vegas: World Boxing Association heavyweight championship: Evander Holyfield (US) or Mike Tyson (US, holder) is: 11th International Boxing Federation heavyweight championship: Michael Mooter (US, holder) of Francos Botha (SA) risc 12th World Boxing Organisation heavyweight championship: Henry Akmerande (London, holder) of Alexander Zollun (Russ) isc, 10th WBA super-bartamyweight championship; Articles (London, holder) of Alexander Zollun (Russ) isc, 10th WBA super-bartamyweight championship; Articles (London, holder) of the property of the championship; Articles (London, holder) of the championship; Articles (Lond RACKETS Eastern Conference to Matthews 6-1, 6-3. Cross & Canadasy 6-4, 6-0. Final Woodconfie to Cross 6-2, 6-2. TELFORD: Guardian Direct national championstapet: Pre-qualifying rounds: Merc P Magges (Aron) bt R Brooks Merc P Magges (Aron) bt R Brooks Merc P Magges (Aron) bt R Brooks (Ancashes) bt M Hilton (Chechre) 6-3, 6-2. Carrandoon (Lancashes) bt M Hilton (Chechre) 6-3, 6-2. N Greenfolduse (Surrey) bt J Monk (East Sussen) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 P Fish (Warwichstre) bt A Machin (Scot) 6-4, 7-6; C Trabhree (Nothinghamshre) bt A Wallofield (Chechres) bt J Lackson (Cheshre) bt P Selter (Middlesco) bt J Lackson (Cheshre) bt P Selter (Middlesco) bt T Greenfand (Oxfordshre) 4-5, 6-3, 6-4; N Jones (Hemborshre) bt C Greenfand (Oxfordshre) 4-5, 6-3, 6-4; N Jones (Hemborshre) bt L Wood (Warwickshre) 7-5, 6-1; Fran (Surrey) bt S Greeg (Humbarshre) 7-6, 7-6; C Coomba (Middlesco) bt S Indexon (Cheshre) bt R Foster (Lancashre) bt S Jackson (Cheshre) bt R Foster (Lancashre) bt R Foster (Lancashre) bt R Foster (Lancashre) bt R Foster (Lancashre) bt R Ketter (Lancashre) bt R Ketter (Lancashre) bt R Foster (Lancashre) bt R Foster (Lancashre) bt R Ketter (Lancashre) bt R Eastern Conference
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15-10; Salim bt Stuer-Laufdeen 15-11.
15-10 Pinnet: Permaci bt Salim 15-12.
15-10 Wormen: Quarter-Brais: M Audina 16-10.
16-00 bt Loo-tyun (S Kor) 11-6, 11-1; K Ji-hyun (S Kor) bt B Beenhalder (Holl) 11-4.
11-5; B Kyung-man (S Kor) bt Melkusmity (Indo) 11-1, 11-7. C Martin (Dan) bt Candono (Indo) 11-2, 11-2, Semi-Brais: Audina bt Ji-hyun 11-3, 11-3, Martin bt Kyung-man 6-11, 11-4, 12-11 Finet Martin ct/Audina 11-8, 11-6 New Jersey Philadelphia NY Rangers Washington Tampa Bay NY Islanders BANGKOK Castrol-Honda World Cup. Semi-linels: Instand bt England 10-9. Scotland bt Thelland 10-5. Firek Scotland bt Ineland 10-7. TRACIC British Almanys-Manchester Ar-port World Challenge (Manchester Velo-drome): 1, Dermark 34 pts. 2, Holland 18, 3, France 17: 4. United States 12. 5, Great Britain 10; 6, Scottand 9, 7, Italy 8, 8, Belgium 1; 9, England Espoirs 1 73, 77, 297: P Harrengton (fire) 75, 74, 73, 75
MELBOURINE: Women's Australian Open championship: Leading final scores; (Australian (Sept.) 25, 74, 76, 69, 288; K Webb 72, 72, 72, 72, 72, 82, 69, 288; K Webb 72, 72, 72, 72, 72, 280; C Denah 88, 71, 71, 80, 291; D Koyarna (Japan) 71, 70, 76, 74; K Masshall (GS) 71, 73, 70, 77, 292; C H) (Hoch (See) 77, 72, 72, 71, W Doolen 78, 71, 73, 70; K Wassa (US) 74, 72, 74, 72, A 76, 14, 72, A 76, 14, 72, A 76, 17, 73, 70; K Golden (US) 71, 74, 69, 79, 296; M H) orth (See) 72, 73, 71, 74, 69, 79, 296; M H) orth (See) 72, 75, 297; J Crafter 73, 71, 73, 80 British's 300; H Wedsworth 75, 74, 72, 79, 301; J Morley 79, 74, 73, 75, 303; D Reid 72, 77, 71, 83, 304; C HJJ 77, 76, 71, 80, 312; D Bermard 79, 75, 75, 83.
CHOSEL, Japan; Roen women's tournament: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 198; L Davies (GB) 68, 65, 66, 214; K Harada 72, 72, 70, K Hulcostma 71, 77, 72, 216; M Norror 73, 71, 74, 69, 74, 74, 77, 77, 77, 78, 71, 80, 312; D Reid 72, 77, 78, 71, 83, 71, 71, 72, 71, 73, F Kido 69, 74, 74, A Osteor 72, 70, 78, 218; K Kodo 74, 73, 71; L Young-mee (S Kor) 72, 73, 73; M Hrase 72, 77, 78, M Horse 79, 75, 73, 74, M Horse 99, 75, 74
SANTA ROSA, Philippines: Women's second Lumley bt Macintosh 6-3. Finel: Lumley to Southwell 8-3. Alexander Zohan (Russ) isc. 10th. WBA super-bentamweeght chempionship: Ant-onio Cermeno (Ven. holder) bi Eddle Faenz (Not. rsc. 3th. World Bording Council strawweeght chempionship: Ricardo Lo-pez (Met. holder) bi Morgan Noluma (SA) isc 6th. Heavyweeght (Tornus), Herbie Hole (Norwich) bi France Swindell (US) ko 1st. (Brots) Scott Welch (Brightan) bi Daniel Notto (Ang) pls. Lightweight (Amds): Burno Warfolle (Fr) bi Charles Dany (US) isc 1st. Northeast division 7 5 2 16 43 6 8 1 13 39 5 7 3 13 45 5 8 3 13 61 4 5 5 18 43 4 10 1 9 44 SQUASH **REAL TENNIS** Hantond Bultalo Boston Montreal Oliawa Pitisburgh HAMPTON COURT: British Open quality-ing fourmement: Pirst round: M Endle bt B Roneldson 8-4, 6-1: I Ronaldson bt T Warbung 6-1, 6-5; A Sneigrove bt J Dewes 4-6, 6-3, 8-4; K Ludekens bt S Brodenshaw 5-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Ronaldson bt J Achreson-Gray 6-2, 6-1; M Coghlan bt S Barker 6-5, 6-2 A Other bt A Blasse 6-0, 6-3; A Knilbus bt M Seigneur 6-5, 6-5; M Ryan bt R Weir 6-2, 6-2, J Wilscods bt J Tominson 8-2, 6-1; Sneib bt P Patterson 6-4, 5-6, 6-1; R Dery bt M Ward 6-3, 6-2; R Karraire wa A Roberts-Miller, N O'Hagen bt J Prenn 6-4 rec, N Better bt C Swallow 4-6, 8-1, 6-5; P Lands bt J Ward 6-4, 8-0. Second round: Eadle bt i Ronaldson 8-3, 8-3; Ludekers bt Sneigrove 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; Coghten bt S Ronaldson 6-5, 6-4; Other bt Knibss 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Wilscods: bt Ryan 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; Dary bt Sneil 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Kozneric bt O'Hagen 6-4, 6-5; Janus bt Beker 6-1, 8-2 NURTINGEN: German Mastern: Men: Serri-finals: J Power (Can) bt M Cheforter (Eng) 15-9, 15-9, 15-12; S Parlee (Eng) bt R Bytes (Aus) 16-17, 15-12, 15-9, 15-12 Finat-Power bt Parlee 15-13, 15-12, 15-7 Womer: Sean-Brake: M Mertin (Aus) bt C Owers: (Aus) 9-6, 49-4, 9-1, S Patz-Gerald (Aus) bt S Schon (Ger) 9-2, 9-1, 9-3, Final-Fiz/Serald bt Mertin 9-6, 3-9, 9-4, 9-3. **EQUESTRIANISM** NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Premier division A: Cheshite 7 Hampohre 3: Essex 9 Worcestershire 1: Yord 2: Lancashire 8, Lothun 9 Scottish Midlands 1: Sussex 4 Yonshire 6. Cheshire 7 Worcestershire 3, Essex 9 Scottish Midlanda 1; Hampshire 5 kent 5; Lancashire 5 Yorkshire 5, Lothian 10 Sussex 0; Cheshire 6 Yorkshire 4, Essex 9 Lancashire 5 Hampshire 1 Lothun 9; Kent 6 Worcestershire 4; Scottish Midlands 3 Sussex 7 Premier division B: Buckingstamshire 7. Nothinghamshire 1. Devon 5 Witishire 5. Durham 4 Heritordshire 6; Gloucestershire 2 Middlesex 6; Larshire 7 Warwickshire 3. Buckingstamshire 8 Witishire 5. Heritordshire 2 Warwickshire 7. Lethister 9 Nothinghamshire 8 Witishire 7. Lethister 9 Heritordshire 1: Devon 2; Lethister 8; Perind 1: Devon 2; Lethister 8; Perind 1: Devon 2; Lethister 8; Perind 1: Warwickshire 9; Middlesex 1: Williame 9 NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Warfolie (Fr) bt Charles Dary (US) isc 1st.
NYNEX ARENA, Menchester: World BoxIng Organisation super-middleweight
championship: Seve Colins (Dubin,
holder) is Nigol Bern (illord) ret 6th. WBO
leatherweight championship: Naseem
Harned (Shelfield, holder) br Renigo
Molina (Ang. rsc 2nd WBO light-middleweight championship: Ronald Winght (St
Petersburg, Florida) br Ersley Bergham
(Manchester) pts. Heavyweight (4mds):
Darmy Wilmans (London) br Michael Murray
Menchester) sor 1st. Crusterweight
(8mds): Terry Dunstan (London) bi Sergo
Meran (Arg) ko 3rd; Cat Thompson
(Manchester) bt Brian Coleman (Bamingham) pts
PHOCHIT, Thailand: World Boxing Aesoci-Wastern Conference Central division W L T Pts 10 5 0 20 43 9 6 2 20 46 9 6 2 20 45 8 7 0 16 51 8 9 0 16 54 5 8 2 12 37 Dallas Cheago Detroit Toronio St Louis Phoensx **TABLE TENNIS** SLOUIGH: International match: England 2 Slovekia 5 (England names first; I Young lest to M Giman 14-21, 18-21; G Herbert leaf to V Jano 11-21, 15-21; M Syed bt J Turksa 19-21, 21-10; 21-9; Herbert lost to Graen 14-21, 22-20, 11-21; Young lost to Turksa 21-17, 17-21, 17-21; Syed bt Jano 21-19, 21-18; Young and Syed lost to Giman and Janot 17-21, 15-21). 7 7 3 17 50 7 7 3 17 50 7 7 3 17 49 8 9 0 16 58 7 8 1 15 44 7 6 0 14 41 3 10 3 8 44 Colorado Los Angeles San Jose Edmonton Calgary Vancouver Anshelm GOLF MANILA: Johnnie Walker Super Tour; Final scores: 274: E Els (SA) 67, 71, 71, 65; IWoorsnam (Walse) 8 8, 70, 73, 85 [Els won at first play-off hold), 290: C Montgomene (Scot) 68, 72, 71, 58, 2852 Park Namen (Scot) 68, 77, 75, 58, 2852 Park Namen (Scot) 68, 77, 77, 58, 2852 Park Namen (Scot) 68, 77, 77, 58, 2852 Park Namen (Scot) 68, 77, 77, 58, 2852 Park Namen (Tour) 77, 71, 78, 78, 78, 59, 296 P. Cassa; (Phi) 71, 76, 78, 73, 299; C Playhol (Thai) 75, 71, 77, 76, 78, 73, 299; C Playhol (Thai) 75, 71, 77, 76, 78, 73, 299; C Playhol (Thai) 75, 71, 77, 76, 78, 73, 299; C Playhol (Thai) 75, 71, 77, 76, 78, 71, 29, 291; P Stankowski 69, 65, 67, 202; B Glder 64, 69, 69, 8, Jones 64, 69, 69, 203; F Coupler 63, 71, 69, 204; A Livle (G3) 88, 88 P Jacobsen 66, 69, 69, 8 Maylair 63, 65, 70, 205; S McCamon 67, 69, 70, D Livre III, 66, 68, 71, 206; S McCamon 67, 69, 70, D Livre III, 66, 68, 71, 206; S McCamon 67, 69, 70, D Livre III, 66, 68, 71, 206; S McCamon 67, 69, 70, D Livre III, 66, 68, 71, 206; S McCamon 67, 69, 70, D Livre III, 66, 68, 71, 206; S McCamon 67, 69, 70, 88, J Sturran (US) 99, 98, 68; C Rocca (In 69, 89, 89, 89, 68) (Mestwood won in play-off) 207; H Sasak 67, 68, 72, 206; L Mcca (In 69, 89, 89, 89, 67, 68, 72, 206; L Mcca (In 69, 89, 89, 67, 68, 72, 206; L Mcca (In 69, 70, 70, 71, 70, 71, 70, 71, 70, 71, 70, 71, 71, 71, 71, 71, 71, 71, 71, 71, 72 (Leicestershire) oz R Foster (Lenceshire)
7-5, 6-4
NATONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DRAW
(starts tomorrow, seedings in brachest)
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Willonson (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) v J
Trothran (Sufriol4; qualifier v A Foster
Staftordshire); qualifier v (6) J Desgado
(Warweckshire); G5 L Milligan (Middessey) v
A Richardson (Lincohashire); M Lee (Sussey)
Northeroptonshire); D Robardon (Northemotonshire) v (4) D Sapshird (Surrey); (7)
N West (Hampshire and Isle of Wight)
v qualifier; S Pender (Commed) v T Spinks
(Northir): J Davidson (Buckinghamshire) v
M Mackagen (West of Scotland), J Fox
Lincohashire) v (2) G Rusadsin (unattached)
Vromen's singles; (1) S Smith (Essey) v ROWING Anjaherin 3 10 3 8 44 be PREMIER LEAGUE: Sough 7 Kingston 5, Swindon 12 Metherly 4 Tellord 3 Softwal 4 NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Casseneagh 6 Municipalied 9, Duminies 8 Whitley 7 (OT); File 11 Paisley 3. POUFN-ANTONS' TOURNAMENT: Canada 2 Austra 2 (in Oslo). FULLER'S FOURS HEAD (Mortlake to Putney): Merr: Quadrupile soulis: Open: Leander v 17min 35sec. Senior two: Imperial College/Queen's Tower I Shim 18sec Junior: Leander VI 19min 20sec. Cordess fours: Open: total I 18min 20sec. Cordess fours: Open: total I 18min 20sec. Cordess fours: Open: total I 18min 20sec. Cordess fours: Open: College II 19min 17sec. Coxed fours: Open: College II 19min 17sec. Coxed fours: Open: College II 19min 17sec. Senior one: Landon University I 19min 13sec. Senior three data: Autol Kensengton V 20min 38sec Veleran: Wallington V 20min 38sec Veleran: Wallington V 20min 38sec Veleran: Wallington I 20min 00sec. Women: Quechupile sculls: Thames I 19min 18sec. Codess fours: Thames I 19min 18sec. Codess fours: Thames I 19min 18sec. Codess fours: Thames I 19min 18sec. Senior three Cardenide University IV 22min 07sec. Senior three academic: Southernon University V 22min 15sec. Senior three ciub; Sons of the Thames V 22min 02sec. TENNIS Hirase 72. 73, 73; Y Motoyama 69, 75, 74
SANTA ROSA, Philippines: Women's world amateur-team championships: leading finel scores; 438; South Koree 147, 139, 152, 446; States 143, 149, 152, 445; South 16, 151, 148; Great Bratan 146, 151, 148; Great Bratan 146, 154, 154, 451; Germany 153, 149, 159; Sweden 149, 149, 153, Teasen 147, 147, 157, 452; Calomba, 144, 147, 161; Finland 150, 152, 150, 453; South Airica 151, 147, 155, 454; Lisardia 149, 154, 151; France 152, 146, 156, 456; New Zealend 147, 150, 158, 459; Canada 148, 151, 157, 457; Holland 152, 150, 155. PHICHIT, Thailand: World Boxing Associ-ation jumor-bantamweight championship: Yoktha: S4-Or (Thai, holder) bt Jack Selnaye (India) ko 2nd. STOCIG-HOLM: Men's tournament: Cust-ter-finale: 7 Enqvist (Swe) bt P Fractrioson (Swe) 6-2, 6-0; T Johansson (Swe) bt G Rusedski (GS) 7-6, 3-6, 7-6, Sent-finale: T Martin (US) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-3, 3-0 ret: Enqvist bt Johansson 6-3; 3-9, 6-3. Final: Enqvist bt Martin 7-5, 6-4, 7-6. **BOWLS** DENNY CUP: Titury 75 Colchester 48:
Barton 148 I branch 75 Essex Courry 67.
Iss 85 Henrs 87. WinterIngins 87 Slade 79.
Desborough 82 West Berkstrue 57. Sudbury 63.
City of Eating 91. Lawson Park 77.
Cambridge Chefferion 64: Sole Bay 94 Dess
66. Wymondham Dell 73 Acte 78: Pine Wood Park 72 North Walsham 100 Malwen Hills 87 Clevedon 95.
KOMLOON, Hong Kong: Manufile Regent International pairs classic: Semi-finals: 17.
Belver and N Burkett (SA) bt A Waddell and J Hoonan (Aus) 20-18; A Curtian and D File (NC) bt A Wils and S Arey (Eng. 22-13 Fine): South Alivia bit New Zeisland 24-20 WEISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION: Under-25 triat Yellows 94 Blues 98 (Yellow 9bps first M Letmen 34 bt P Diment 12; J Stephens 16 lost to J Webley 30; W Grittins 17 draw with A Proce 17: B Evens 18 bt; Plannesty 12: D Hopkins 9 lost to 9. CYCLING CYCLOGROSS: Ace RT (Heather, Loosatershre, 12 miles): 1, M Guy (BMW-Protley, Ihr Imm 38sec, 2, D Barnott (Ace RT) at 7sec 3, J Taylor (Glasti-Grichith at 1) at 7sec 3, D Houselins (Pace Factory Team) at 207 Middridge CRT (Corsett, Co. Durham, 11, 25 miles): 1, S Wearmouth (MTS Cycle Scori) 5707, 2 S Ward (VC Arzum) at 1sec, 3, D Howard (Cleveland MBCI) at 45sec Abergarenth (Carrotif LIF) at 319, 3, P McFayden (Harlech Wheeles) at 312, Boston Wheeless (Boston West, 10 miles): 1, S Baron (VC Lincoth) 3 filsec; 3, M Hotland (Sleated Wheeless) at 47sec New Forest CD (Crow, near Ringerood, 10 miles): 1, R Hurd (Liphook Cycles) 5100; 2, A MacDonald (GS Europa) at 95sec, 3, A But (Hargroves Cycles) at 125. Norwich ABC (Bouffrope, 14 miles): 1, R Parlans (Penniad Cub), Norwich (108-30, 2, G Simook (Feam Fona) at 3,15; 3, M Fartow (Penniad Cub). KARATE MOSCOW: Men's tournement: Servi-finals: Y Karlstriau (Russ) bt D Princell (Ger) 7-8; 6-4; G Asridevic (Cro) bt A O'Bran (US) 6-4, 7-6. Finat: Marissync br Katerialkov 3-6, 6-1, 6-3: SUN CITY, South Africa: World chemplom-ships: British results: Merr: Under-75kg; W Cito, Open: P Alderson. Teem Kumite: 2, Creal British. Women: Under-80kg: J Toney Over-80kg: P Duggin. Teem Kumite: 1, Greet Britain. SANTIAGO, Chier Men's tournement Semi-finete H Gurny (Arg) bt F Mertilla (Sp) 7-6, 3-8, 6-3; M. Fine (Chie) bt. A. Berssätegu (Sp) 6-2, 6-4. **ICE HOCKEY** attoched).

Wroman's singles: (1) S Smith (Esser) v. qualifier: J Dawson (Sussed) v. Jels (Docorshine); V Law (Davon) v. J Ward (Dichem and Claveland); qualifier v. (5) C Taylor (Odordshine); (3) C Wood (Sussed) v. S.A. Siddail (Dorset); qualifier v. K. Roubanova (Berkshine); qualifier v. qualifier v. (7) J Wood (Middlesex); (8) J Pulin (Sussed) v. qualifier: M. Wartweight (Essed) v. Q. Cambridgeshire); V. Devies (South Weise) v. L. Latimer (Warwickshine); H. Crook (Essex) v. (4) M. Miller (Yorkshine); (8) E. Bond (Gloucestershine) v. S. Tse (Isle of Mant); K. Croos (Devon) v. H. Matthews (Berkshine); L. Ahi (Dovon) v. qualifier; L. Woodroffe (Surrey) v. (2) R. Viollet (Lancashine). SUPEN EAGUE: Bacargstoke D Carchill 4: Bracknell 2 Sheffeld 4. Newcasile 6 Ayr 5

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Ayr 9 3 2 4 35 38 8
Bracknell 10 2 1 7 31 49 5 LACROSSE Bernstangui 1959 9-2 6-4; CANLAND: Women's tournament: Quar-ter-lineise. B Schultz-McCarthy (Fioli) bt L Devenoom (US) 6-2, 6-4; M Sales (US) bt K Po. (US) 6-2, 7-5; I Spirite (Rom) bt E Likhoviseva (Puso) 6-2, 6-4, Semi-finals-Sales bt Spirites 6-3, 6-3; M Hingls (Switz) bt Schultz-McCarthy 7-5 6-3 SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE Premier division: Boardman and Scales 9 Stockport 15; Poynton 9 Hummans 8; Cheadle 12 Cheadle Hulms 5 Postponed: Heaton Mersey v Tipperlay; Old Weconians v Mellor. RUGBY LEAGUE SOUTH COUNTIES TOURNAMENT: A division: Sussex 5 Middlesex 3; Sussex 5 Surrey 2 (Sussex 5 Surrey 2; Sussex 5 Surrey 2 (Sussex won the tournament on goal awarge). 8 division: Middlesex 9 Susrey 3; Sussex 9 Surrey 1 (Middlesex won the tournament) Schiller Holland School Court Merc.
Cuarter Medicasa) 6-1, 6-5; J. Fox.
(Lincohsrive) bt A. Foster. (Staffordshire)
4-8, 7-6, 7-6; P. Hand. (Berkshire) bt G. Sattery. (Berkshire) 8-4, 7-6; N. Weal.
(Hampshire) bt M. Wyeth. (Surrey) 6-4, 6-2.
Semi-finels: Fox bt Barnett 6-2, 6-3; Weal. bt. NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE Pre-mier division: Friday: Leigh Miners Welter-26 Wootston 12. Safturday: Beverley 15 Hewarth 8: Megrieti 11 Egremon: 2. Saddieworth 21 Dudley Hill 10: West Hull 13 Lock Lane 2. Postpornot: Wiges 13 Patrick's V Oldham S Anne's, Frist division: Biackbrook 18 Outton 15: East Leeds 38 Wilsams 27
WELSH LADIES INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION: National triples competition:
Finals: Section A: B Margan (Radnor) bt W
Price (Radnor) 19-18. Section D: M Wilems. (Director) bt B Hurd (Swansea) 17-16
DJ Trophy League: Radnor 98 Severn
Valley 52, Torten 77 Cardiff 72; Pembroke
65 Swansea 110 Not including last night's matches NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Detroit 4. Hartjord 1: Prinsburgh 5 Tampa Bay 5; Colorado 4 Prinserix 1; St Louis 4 Vancouver 2: San Jose 3 Dallas 1. Anaham 7 Los WEST COUNTIES TOURNAMENT: Final: HOCKEY Lingstomans 0 Ramgarhia 2 Ferrhern 0 Turbondga Wells 3 Richmond 2 Wimbledon 2 Gore Court 0: Winchester 1 Madenhead 1. Wicking 3 Spencer 2. Wolungham 3 Old Whitightans 5 Hampshire/Sumry: Andower 3 Epsom 4, Basingstoke 4 Barnes 1; Oned 2 Dukwich 1: Old Cartleighams 7 Old Walcountiens 0 Southernston 0 Puriey 4; Gosn 0 Oheam 2; Blantford 2 Camberley 1. Petersfield 1 Portsmouth t) London University 4 Obshod 4, Kerti/Sussex Berdeyheath 0 Brighton 2. Bognor 1 Horsham 8; Eastbourne 2 Herne Bay 2; Uoyds Bark 3 Bodey Incata 3. Mid Sussex 0 Middleton 2. Old Holcombeeans 7 Old Bordenars 1: Old Williamsortans 4 Marden Russets 1, Sevenoaks 3 Belvedere 1, Tusse Hd 4 Ashtord 2 Worthing 3 Blackhaath 3. Middle/Berks/Bucks and Obon: Amerisham 1 City of Oddord 4; Famham Common 3 Hayes 1: Headington 2 Bradevoll 1: Lons 6 Mardow 1 Newbury 3 Harrow 0, OMT 3 Mill 1, PMC Chiswick 5 Milton Neynes 3: Richangs Park 3 West Hampslead 1, Staines 1 Eastbore 4; Sunbury 6 Gerrards Cross 1. Singer Champions' Trophy NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cannock 2 Reading 3: Centerbury 6 Ted-dington 4, East Gimstead 5 Barbord Tigers 2: Havard 1 Guildrord 2, Hourston 1 Sur-bion 1: Southgate 2 Old Loughtonians 1. Cross Country

RVINE: British Veterans Internetional:
Men: 1; D Mullen (Fing) 34min Oreac; 2, P
Yeomans (Fing) 34:13, 3, J Estalf (Fing)
34:20. Teamer 1, England Optis; 2,
Scotland 47; 3, Ireland 60, Women; 1, L.
Harding (Scot): 18:48; 2, F GB (Wales)
18:54; 3, M Greenen (Ine) 19:05. Teamer 1,
Scotland 14; 2, England 20; 3, Wales 24.
LEAMINGTON: Midbard Counties relay
championships: Men (4:x4 miles): 1,
Tipton 1hr Sprint 48:esc; 2, Birchield
127:35; 3, Rednilf 1:28:16; 4, Notis 1:29:24;
2, Learnington 1:29:31. Fastest last: S
Ferwick (Figton) 2:1:00. Women (3:x4
miles): 1, Birchield 1:18:29; 2, Coventry
1:20:45; 3, Chamwood 1:20:58. Festest
legs: S Ellis (Birchield) 24:18.

ABERTOARE: Gwent League; Men: 1, D Cross Country SFIARJAH (New Zealand won toss). Palastan best New Zealand by lour wickels Reading Cannock Old Loughtonians Southgate East Grinstead Suddingt Bartord Tigers Canterbury Teddington Hourslow Surbiton Havanti legt S Chis (Barghield) 24:18.
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SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Birsbane (final day of four): Queensland 244 and 101-1; Tasmana 168 and 178 (A J Daly 4-44, S Muller 4-35; Queensland won by nine wickets. Sydney (third day of four): New South Wales 264 and 353-8 dac (M G Bevan 150 not out, M J Stater 89, B A Williams 4-65); Victoria 161 (M G Avres 55; A M Stuert 5-63) and 100-5 (M Y G Elliott 63 not out).

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RACING: CHAMPION TWO-MILE CHASER ECLIPSED BY OUTSIDER

Klairon Davis returns to find sting in the tail

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT AF LEOPARDSTOWN

KLAIRON DAVIS, the champion two-mile chaser, made an inauspicious seasonal debut when beaten in a three-horse race at Leopardstown yesterday at odds of 3-1 on. The surback completed an unhappy eight days for Ireland's ading two-milers; Sound Man was defeated in a threerunner contest at Navan last weekend when sent off the 4-i on favourite.

Klairon Davis was giving 211b to his two rivals in the Commology Handicap Chase but despite not being fully tuned up, it was a surprise to see him fail by half a length against the 14-1 outsider, Fiftysevenchannels.

Francis Woods Klairon Davis up to challenge on the turn in as Brockley Court faded, but just as the

played out Charlie Swan coaxed another run from Fiftysevenchannels, who held the favourite despite Woods's frantic efforts. "Somebody had to come and take him on." Enda Bolger, the winning Arthur Moore was not over-

Nap: ARANTXA (1.50 Folkestone) Next best: Mariners Mirror (L30 Carlisle)

despondent with Klairon Davis's reverse and will send him to Sandown on December 7 for the Tingle Creek Chase. He was too fresh and well but has had a good blow. I am pleased with the way he jumped."

Sound Man is also a pos-

1.20 Safty Behaviour .

sible runner in the Tingle Creek, a rate he won last year. Edward O'Grady, his trainer, reported that the gelding has emerged in good shape from his failure at Navan, where he was easily beaten by the Murphy's Gold Cup entry, Anabatic.

On a busy weekend in Ireland, Danoli failed to impress in his second chase when winning over two miles at Naas on Saturday. Tom Foley's charismatic charge ran aut the 212-length winner from Crossfarnogue, but those backers who took the 7-2 on about the favourite had some uncomfortable moments.

Danoli was settled early by Tommy Treacy and had only two of his nine rivals behind with a circuit to go. Despite a mistake five fences out. Danoli tracked the leaders into the straight but almost immediately was being hustled along by Treacy and started to hang

3,20 PETOSKIN (nap)

ed characteristic courage to win, leaving Foley not unhappy with the victory. "He is still learning and it

doesn't matter if he doesn't win by 20 lengths. A short head will do me any time." Foley said. "I am delighted that he is still able to come

Peter O'Sullevan, whose distinctive tones have called home the winners for nearly fifty years, has decided to retire after the Glorious Goodwood meeting next July.

from behind and win over two miles and those were not bad horses he beat."

The trainer would not commit himself but a clash with old rival Dorans Pride in the Drinmore Chase at Fairyhouse on December 1 is next on the cards for Danoli.



Castle Sweep drops a Champion Hurdle hint by winning at Chepstow on Saturday

SATURDAYS RESULTS

Doncaster

Going: 504 12,20 (1m) 1, Polar Flight (J Wesver, 3-1) 2, Silverom (7-4 tan); 3, Leading Note (13-2); 16 ran (4), 8, M Johnston Tote: \$3.40 \$1.60 \$1.40, \$2.00 DF \$3.60 Tio; \$4.90

12.50 (1m) 1, Moon River (7 Sprake, 8-1); 2 Tyrobcan Dream (14-1); 3, Petry Isle 115-8 Lavi 14 ran, NR Move The Clouds, 2-4 41 J Dunlop Tote 19-20, 12-50, 54-30, 15-50 DF; 188-60 Tivo 1236-70 CSF 1114-17

1.20 (1m) 1 Meis Baby (Miss Diena Jones 6-1) 2. Sandmoor Chambray (12-1): 3. Poliv Peculiar (8-1), 4. Dispoi Gem (76-1) Calumbotia 11-4 lav. 21 ran. NR Faring-den Hill 11-4, 21-1) Eyer Tota (56-6). 51-50 £3-80. £2-00 £4-10 DF £31-50 Tuo £195-40 CSF £84-07 Incast: 557-397

1 50 (7) 1, Jeffrey Anotherned (R Hughes, 3-1) 2 Don Sebestian (9-1); 3, Yorke Cacope, 17-4 (se), 13 ran Sh rd, 6 K McAudle Lote \$11.70; 52.90, 52.70, 51.40 DF: 559.90 Tino \$37.90 CSF, 577.53 Tucast \$176.26

2.25 [6]] 1. Astrac (K. Fation, 8-1); 2. Difficient (5-1), 3. Russian Restrait (4-1 fav.) 16 ran Shifte, 47 Mass G. Kelfestev, 76te en 60; 12.30, 12.40, 12.40, 19. 550.30 fno £14190 CSF £49.17 2.55 (1m 4) 1. Madaalle Mildane (h. Darley 1-1: 2. Eva Lunn (100-30) 3. Kalisto (8-1) Elucison Day 2-1 fas. 9 ran hit Key 10 48, hiv at sci. 8. J. Dunlago Totte 55 90 22 10 21.50, 22.50. DF 510 80 Trio. \$24.60

Jackpot. not won ipool of £8,896.07 carried forward to Wolverhampton today).

Chepstow -

1.15 1 Bonjaman Lancaster (16-1); 2. haraterid. General (11-10 text 3 hasysan (10-1) Chin (10-1) 6 jun 1 45 1, Castle Sweep (9-4 (av) 2, Mytton's (2)(b)(2) (14-1), 3, Saver Shred (9-2), 10 ran. 2.15 1. See More Business (8-13 tax); 2. Wer Windy (5-1) 3. Suchhouse Boy (2-1).

2 cm 2 50 1, Marsella Darby (4-1) 2, Hurdante, N-11 3. The Received Bert (5-2 fax) 12 Net NR: Lit Strong Gale 3.25 1. Physic Genner (4-7 fax) 2, Jet Boys (17) 3, Mondio Prince (5-1) 8 ran 3.55 1, Potentials (4-5 fax) 2, Prior Front Lurry (9-2) 3, Nostringtodoxidate (5-1) 6 Jan

Newcastle

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Sandown Park

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THUNDERER 12.50 Spaniard's Mount 2.20 Just Nick 2.50 Rose Of Glenn

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 JUST NICK, Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.50 Spaniards Mount. 1.50 TETRIS (nap), 2.50 Bobby's Dream.

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES Draw: 5f, Low Numbers Best

12.50 BEEWOOD COACHES HURSERY HANDICAP

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1.20 DODG WOOD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,689: 51) (B numers)

FORM FOCUS

1.00 ANZIO NOVICES HURDLE

2-1 Separatistes 7-2 Young Keony, 5-1 Petible Beach, Ben Chariton, 6-1 others

7-4 East Desict, 11-4 Manages Minter, 5-1 Cathlery Rose, 6-1 offers

2.00 BROWN COW AT COCKERMOUTH NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (22.360: 2m 41 110yd) (11)

To come in the Back, 4-1 Sales, Fesige Reporter, 6-1 Haughton, and 8-1 Version Rood Fee, 12-1 Broomster, Styr, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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DOCKETS: A Magazie, 8 seamers from 23 notes, 34.8%, P Kines, 25 from 99, 26.3% M Dayer, 11 from 63, 17.5%, 1 Wijer, 7 from 40, 17.5%, 1 Calleghan, 8 from 46, 17.4%; 6 Let, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

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☐ Flemensfirth, trained by John Gosden and ridden by Frankie Detrori, collected his fourth overseas group success by taking the Premio Roma at the Capannelle yesterday.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

twocome in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to Sirm, hard: G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance

1.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND KATHY TANNER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (DIV I: 2-Y-O: £3,125: 61) (9 runners)

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MR PARADISE 11% 2nd of 12 to Release To Less in aucken manders at Lelecaster (61, spool)

Selection: MR PARADISE

2.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND KATHY TANNER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div II. 2-Y-O. £3,125: 61) (8 numbers) OUT THE REAL MCCOY 13 (Mrs. H McCox) 14 Charters 3-2 D HARDSPRINCESS 10 ILLIS & YESTEN M SE'I S-9

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2.50 ELMTREE PACKAGING LTD CLAIMING HANDICAP

(£2,786: 2m 93yd) (12 runners) (\$2,786: 2m 93yd) (12 runners)

1 (8) 104:0 845:TER RODORROKER 16 (0.0) (Bronghion Willings 8 12 0 DR Michabe - 1505:40 EMMALA 4 (8) Rên Dinner E Wheeler 4-8-11 ... J D Smith (3) 90 3 (3) 300052 8068*75 DREAM 12 Rins P Raimany M Tocquius 4-5-9 ... M Henry (3) 91 4 (2) 000250 RIDSE OF GLENN 9 (F.5) (5 Subvers 8 Paking 5-8-5 ... D Hambers 95 4-9 000050 RIDSE OF GLENN 9 (F.5) (5 Subvers 8 Paking 5-8-5 ... D Hambers 96 111) 05000 PRIVATE PERCHAL 14 (Harbers Record) J Pacins 3-7-13 S Dimwise 7 (10) 063346 GNRKA 18 (5 Michael 1 Michael Record) J Pacins 3-7-13 S Dimwise 7 (10) 063346 GNRKA 18 (5 Michael 1 Michael Record) J Pacins 3-7-10 N Variey (3) 9 (9) 0-00253 ND MORE HASSLE 581 (No Hassle Parmers) Mrs Michael 3-7-10 D Whight (3) 91 (12) 000 AVIDEO 27 (A Strammal) J Pectre 3-7-10 F Norton 9 11 (5) 0070 SUSSEX GORSE 209 (I Remarmal J Long 5-7-12 Leess Long 9 12 (6) 00-00 PEGSY ESS 114 (24 5 Switz) A James 5-7-10 hosp Wards (7) - 1955: MBLNGAME 5-7-12 MARKES (10-11 M Lobeston 14 am

1995; MILINGAME 5-7-12 H Adems (18-11 M: Jenesian 14 cm FORM FOCUS

BOGBY'S DREAM 31 2nd to Cross Tab in claimer on bandicap at Masselburgh (1m 41, good to solt).

At Seamouth (1m 61, good) GREAA about 10:54 4th (10:54 4th

3.20 ALAN DREW SELLING HANDICAP

(9) 50-000 FORRISM JUDGEDENT 101 (Lord Romestan) Wildeson 3-9-1 DR Miccobe (17) 2500 WITH THE TEMPO 17 (Just Passing Through) J Scargul 3-8-13 D Holland (13) 64600-0 MEMORY'S MUSIC 16 (W Rotes) M Mazignack 4-8-13 N Varley (3) (4) 00-2550 ZEST 150 (Mass R Byeni) T Clement 4-8-11 J Stack (10) 00-400 TABLETS OF STOME 4 A Colums J Bosley 3-8-10 D Wright (3) (14) 623510 NOTHENG DOME 21 (D.BF.R.S) (Broughlary W Masson 7-8-8 S Whotwarth (2) 000400 MOVING UP 40 (W Powell) 7 Powel 3-8-7 Nore Wards (7) (5) 545404 LUCY TUTY 12 (5 Tuths) J Peace 5-8-6 N F Norton F Norton (11) 07-00 ETOILE DU NORD 95 (Mass Z Whitmorre) H Collingradge 4-8-6 M Henry (3) (15) 505205 PRESIAM BUD 3321 (0.6) U Bosley J Bosley 8-8-6 R Perham

18 (15) 605205- PERSIAN BUD 3322 (D.S) U Boskyl J Bosky B-8-6 . . . R Penham 90 BETTING: 4-1 Petostán. 6-1 Yel Agam. 8-1 Tablets Ol Stone 12-1 El Bardador, Lucy Tulty 16-1 Others 1995; EL VOLADOR 8-9-2 M Henry (4-1) R O'Sullivan 17 rati FORM FOCUS

PETOSKIM basal Rock The Barney 31 in 20-ronner stilling handlesp at Yamnouth 11m 31 101yd, good in firm) with PAT'S SPLENDOUR (7th better oil) 97 th. E. BARDADOR (8th better oil) 51 9th and CHELY LAD (4th better oil) stupolited 5 karlongs oak E. BARDADOR (better oil) stupolited 5 karlongs oak E. BARDADOR (better rocknet ettor) bett Roi De La Mer 2½ in 18-runner setter at Yamnouth (1m 21 ood 10 8m). good to firm) HARRY best effort this term 31%; 3rd of 15 to

Carrelis Marc in selling handicap at Lingbeld (AW, 1m 41) YET AGAIN about 14kl last of 6 to 5k Antu Hobbs in claimer at Hamilton (1m 11, good) NOTHENS DOWNS beat Rose Of Glenn 14kl in 20conner claiming handicap at Sairsbury (1m 61, good to soft) on potschimale stat. MOVANG UP best recent ellon 77 4th of 9 to 700 De Val in selling handicap at Brotolon (1m 41, linn) Salection. PETOSKON (map)

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FORM FOCUS FARTY KNIGHT completed double bear Remount 134 in 18-nature handwap at Lenester i'tm 27, good) with HARVEY WHITE (5th better offi 1241 to 124 of 17 to 5 sections 22 start handwap at Pontelacel i'tm 27, good) to farm on parabinate start KALOU 2-12-12 of 17 to 5 sections 25 beath to 12-12-14 of 18 to 5 sections 25 beath to 12-12-14 of 18 to 5 sections 25 beath to 12-12-14 of 18 to 5 sections 25 beath to 12-12-14 of 18 to 5 sections 25 beath to 12-12-14 of 18 to 5 sections 25 beath to 12-12-14 of 18 to 5 sections 25 beath to 13-12-14 of 18 to 13-12-14 of 18 to 5 sections 25 beath to 13-12-14 of 18 to 5 sect

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2.30~scots guards lucius challenge cup handicap chase (£4,535: 3m) (10)

1.00 Military Academy. 1.30 Rich Desire. 2.00 Saher. 2.30 Holy Sting. 3.00 Haile Denring. 3.30 Regal Romper. 4.00 Larkshill. GGING: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES

3.00 HYNDBURN BRIDGE AT CLAYTON-LE-MOORS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,318: 3m 110yd) (10) | 1.35 | PERSIAN HOUSE (2.2,510. 3ft) 114703 (10) | 1.35 | PERSIAN HOUSE 4.08 (F.S.5) | Jefteson 9-12-0 | M Dwyer — 2 501- HALE DERNING 172 (6.5) N hactor-Carea 6-11-5 C Liverilyo 91 3 FP-1 TRODODS 11 (F.S) Mrs. A Sanctora 19-10-13 | J. Supple 90 4 005- SHALLOW RIESE 192 (G) 9 C Licera-pites 7-10-12 | Liverilyo 193 5 78 MAYSE DTGHAW 668 (S) W Ducaraptes 7-10-12 | Liverilyo 193 62-P DOCAMASTER 16 (S) Mrs. M Biolipa 5-10-12 | Liverilyo 193 62-P DOCAMASTER 16 (S) Mrs. M Biolipa 5-10-12 | Liverilyo 193 63 123- STORRIV CORN. 201 (6.5) C Patric 6-10-10 | J. Calegorilo (B) 42-P LIMBOR 402 (S) 1 Liverilo 7-10-9 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | A S Smith 89 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 PPG- CURT MISTRESS 228 (S) W Behel 6-10-0 | M Fronter — 10 P

1.30~EBF tattersalls (BRELAND) makes only movices chase (Qualifier: E3.404: 2m 4i 110yd) (7) 5-2 Haile Dennig, 3-1 Stormy Coral, 4-1 Troods: 8-1 Price Ol May 10-1 others (CVPR225 CHRASE (QUARME): E5,404. 2014 1 (10)0) (7)

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2.033 COMERDATE LANE 16 (6) Mr. 5 Senth 9-11-2. Mr. P Marray —
2.21-3 MARRIERS MERROR 6 (6.5) N Treator-Dates 9-10-12. G. 9 Senth 9-13-14. O'Nara —
4. 31P. MISS COLETTE 555P (6) Mr. 0 Treator R-10-12. L O'Nara —
5. P.5- MISS TIBO 179 J Deids 8-10-12. A Treator —
6. (99-) CREENS CHEST 198 (6,5) Y Entenages 6-10-12. R Route —
7. 31- RICH DESIFE 358 (7.5) F Marphy 7-10-17. — A Magnite — 3.30 GREYHOUND AT HALTON HANDICAP CHASE

1 134 SQUBA 205 (F.E.S) C Parter 7-11-10 8 Storey 91
2 2-31 RESM. ROMPER 10 (D.F.G) 1/55 S Smith 8-11-10 R Getest 83
3 15-2 WEAVER SECRETS 9 (D.F.G) 1/55 S Smith 8-11-10 M Moloney 98
4 271- POTATO MANN 152 (S) B Edizon 10-11-0 G Carini (D) 93
5 F22- PROLINCED 180 (D.F.) 13 Hecentric 8-10-13 R Genery (B)
6 230- SUPEN SAMSY 167 (D.S.) F Welton 9-10-3 0 Parter 96 6-4 Regal Remper, 3-1 Solita, 5-1 Waster George, Potato Man, 6-1 others 4.00 TUMBLEDOWN STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (\$1,070: 2m 1i) (20)

5-2 The Crooked Calc 3-1 Brighter State, 4-1 Board Vines, 6-1 Jewank, 8-1 Jessagne, 19-1 Board Statement, Descript 12-1 other,

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WOLVER-MAPTON: Trainers: J Gosden, J winners from 19 nuries, 35.6% M John-ston, 41 hom 168, 24.4%, R J-Houghton, 3 hom 13, 23.1%; W Haigh, 4 hom 19, 21.1% P Histlem, 27 hom 132. 20.3%, Jokeys: R Lapper, 6 wenters from 30 notes, 20.0%, J Wessel, 52 hom 281, 19.9%; G Carter, 42 from 230, 18.3%; Amanda Sandon, 9 hom 62, 14.5%, T Sprake, 13 hom 101, 12.9%

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Owners pay price of unjust taxation policy

Tarewell, then, to the 1996 Flat Turf season, which draws to an inglorious conclusion at Folkestone today. It was an ordinary season on the equine front, but the real fireworks were ignited by the sport's personalities. It was the year of Frankie Dettori's seventimer at Ascot, and the compeliing duel between Henry Cecil and Saeed bin Suroor for the trainers' title.

It was also the year when many of Britain's largest owners reared up at the poor coststo-reward ratio of keeping a horse in training. Sadly, the pleasure of owning a race-horse will be lost if the financial equation is paramount. All owners start out in hone but disappointment is magnified when equated to cost. They must write off their investment and treat any divi-

dends as bonuses. This approach is largely dictated by excessive government taxation on betting. Irrespective of the bookmakers' role in racing's sorry finances. the sport's argument for relief is strong. When the chancellor delivers his Budget later this month, it is vital that racing benefits directly from any cut in General Betting Duty. The

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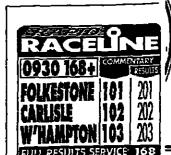
amounts would barely dent the huge deficit annually accrued by owners, yet that is secondary to the fillip of government recognition of racing's cuse.

It is not just owners who bear the brunt of Britain's inequitable taxation policy. This season demonstrates that racing's enthusiasts are shortchanged a message evident in the fate of Britain's best performers in 1996. A racehorse reaches its peak when it triumphs in a championship race. Of the 17 individual British group one winners this year. II have been retired or sold to race abroad. We will

never see them race again. This frustration has plagued British racing for decades. One can identify with those who cannot see the point of diverting a freshly proven horse from the racetrack, but it is all to do with the necessity of owners to cash in their bonuses. Only then can they bring some sense to their financial investment in racing - to the detriment of

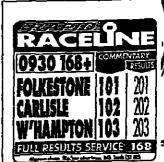
year's group one winners illustrates how owners follow this creed. Of the 17, seven were owned by individuals from outside the Middle East. All except First Island and Bijou D'Inde have been retired or sold. Once a racehorse maximises its value, only Arab owners can afford to risk their "asset" depreciating by s keeping it in training. Among Arab-owned group one winners in Britain this year, only 5 Shaamit. Mark Of Esteem and Halling have been retired to stud. Bosra Sham. Classic Cliche, Iktamai, Lady Carla. Shantou. Swain and Soviet Line are to race on. It is dangerous to racing's

future if philanthropic Middle East influence masks the underlying financial problems. British ownership will disintegrate further, and there is always the chance the Arab { Racing is an international industry. Comparisons of I ownership cost-to-return ra-



the sport as a whole.
Further analysis of this

involvement may move on. tios with other racing nations; are valid and why a more forceful campaign from racing's rulers — and a more sympathetic ear from government - are needed.



RUGBY UNION: SMITH BORROWS ENGLAND'S TRADITIONAL TACTICS TO CREATE ANOTHER DAY OF FRUSTRATION FOR MURRAYFIELD CROWD

Australia discover northern comforts Scotland make

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BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HOW is it that, at a time when British rugby in general, and England in particular, is going misty-eyed about the southern-hemisphere game, Australia can arrive at Murrayfield and win by playing a game that closely resembles that purveyed by England in recent years? Perhans it is just a case of needs must when the devil of success

Australian rugby, at inter-national level, was becoming more dominated by the setpiece even before the demise of Bob Dwyer, their coach. Now. Greg Smith, his successor, needing to build the confi-dence of a young team, is putting pragmatism before style. In the heat of the southern-hemisphere kitchen last summer. Australia came third behind New Zealand and South Africa. Now that he is away from the spotlight of his own countrymen, Smith can concentrate on putting together a series of international wins as he remoulds the national team.

He will have been encouraged by the reaction of his

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players to a victory that was worth more than ten points, given that Scotland's final try should not have been allowed. Joe Roff having pounded Tony Stanger into touch before the ball could be grounded. The Australia dressing-room was quiet. There was no exultancy. just a warm appreciation of the work that needs to be done to raise standards before meet-

ng Ireland and Wales. The Royal Bank international on Saturday offered an Australian XV playing effect-ively within its limits, which was why Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach, was moved to admit that "it was like playing England." As has been so often the case against England since 1990, the Scots came away disappointed, their lessthan-capacity crowd of 51,000

With their set-piece game so fragile, the back division could only flirt with the ball-in-hand policy that David Johnston. the assistant coach, is so keen to implement. So much, however, revolves around Gregor Townsend, and it was hard to argue that the restoration of the Gary Armstrong-Craig Chalmers link at half back was a complete success. They could not find each other with the acuity of old and Bryan Redpath, in his brief minutes on the pitch near the end. showed just why he may yet be the scrum half for the five



A determined thrust into the heart of the Australia defence by Armstrong, the Scotland scrum half, is brought to a shuddering end by Roff

nations'. Armstrong has, in any case, damaged a rib and may not be available for the international with Italy on December 14.

The best-balanced of the four half backs was David Knox, not so much for what he achieved as an individual but for his decision-making. Whether Australia are right to use Pat Howard on the inside break so frequently is a matter for Smith to consider. He has Tim Horan at his disposal and the injured Jason Little

may yet contribute to this tour.

Smith's strictures about

refereeing did not stand up to scrutiny. That the game, in perfect conditions, never achieved the flow that both sides wanted was as much because of player-error as Patrick Thomas's interpretation. "It's very difficult to produce a marketable product if the person in control just keeps stopping it," Smith said. The referee has to take some responsibility for the product."

Many teams have found it hard, historically, to free ball at ruck and maul against Scotland, which was why Burke had the opportunity to

kick five penalty goals from seven attempts and Rowen Shepherd only three from four. From the moment when Australia achieved a 19-6 interval lead, Scotland looked unlikely to stem the tide.

They had neither the weight to stop Waugh driving over from a maul that followed a close-range lineout, nor the height and athleticism to stop Eales dominating the lineout. As a variant, Australia frequently used Finegan, the flanker, at the front of the lineout before he achieved his own little footnote in history -

becoming the first player in international rugby to be offi-cially substituted. He was replaced by Brett Robinson. his Australian Capital Territory captain.
We were lacking a bit of

pace in the back row and Robinson is an open-side flanker," Smith said, his decision paying off four minutes later when Robinson contributed to the move that led to Herbert's try. That soothed the minor crisis created by sustained Scottish pressure; which led to a fine try by

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In the first half, Townsend

twice unpicked the midfield

and was irritated with his

knock-on when halfway

through a gap. Had he pro-

duced a morale-boosting try at

that stage, a different game might have developed.

Scotland's problem at the highest level. The taking of

chances is what distinguishes

the achievers from the might-

have beens. "We have no one

to blame but ourselves," Dix-on said, which is why there is

so much concern in Scotland

that the structure of improved

club and district competition

That, perennially, has been

a song and dance of switch to open era

Mark Souster on the national team

that continues to play catch-up rugby

S o the depressing statis-tics continue as do the tics continue as do the lame excuses. As one journalist succinctly summed up the situation, Scotland's pre-Christmas record is worse than anything Mud or Slade ever produced. They, at least, got to No 1, while the Scotland hopes of achieving such a lefty position appear nonexistent. They are still bubbling under the top five and, judging by this performance, ambitions of rising in the charts appear slim. Not even a pre-match concert by The Proclaimers, on the comeback trail themselves, could help.

Remember, remember Scotland's appalling November, mind-numbing defeats by New Zealand and South Africa in 1993 and 1994, a tame and fortunate draw against Western Samoa and now this.

a defeat less damaging in terms of the scoreline but perhaps greater in significance. This 'Players had to pore was supposed to be the occasion when everything clicked, especially over small as Australia are print rather

not world-beaters; professional players in the profes sional era, fulltime meaning just that. No

distractions. Wrong. There have been distractions. Contract negotiations have overshadowed preparations. Players who, in an ideal. world, should have signed on the dotted line in September, found themselves poring over the small print of offers from the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) rather than tactics. It is not their fault, just that they have been the victims of

While the union has been putting the behind-the-scenes structure in place, the basic direct relevance to the players have been neglected. There does not, as yet, appear to be. any co-ordinated approach between the SRU, the districts and the clubs. No doubt, this will come in time, but so far the players have found themselves dancing to different tunes from different coaches. They have suffered as a

Despite this, hopes were high that exposure to the melting pot of European Cup rugby would be the ideal preparation for the contest and, in terms of fitness, it was.

where Gresham's were deprived of John Wyatt, their

playmaking captain, that the

game ran away from them, although Mark Tucker, the

Oundle incumbent, had much

to prove, too. Tucker followed

Olver from Northampton

Grammar School in Septem-

ber and was a cousin of Ian

Tucker, the Oxford University

student who effectively lost

his life in a match against

Saracens only two weeks ago. In his first game since that

incident, he could have pro-

One of five players from Olver's lower sixth, Tucker

displayed a presence and authority that Gresham's

could only dream of match-

ing his conversion of Ed

Duckett's try from the right-

hand touchline, seven min-

utes into the second half

provided Oundle with a two-

score buffer and a path to safety after Olver had issued

one of his "inspirational" half-

time directives to a team that,

at that time, had dominated

the play but not the scoreline.

As the specific years for

duced no finer a tribute.

There was no lacking in enthusiasm and commitment, but, for the last hour, Scotland were playing catch-up rugby, a fact that their commendable second-half comeback could not disguise.

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They were comprehensively dismantled up front by an Anstralia tight five and therein lies the fundamental problem. Until Scotland can rediscover teak-tough scrummagers in the mould of Iain Milne or Sandy Carmichael, they will always struggle more so with the greater emphasis nowadays on the set piece. Jim Telfer, the SRU director of rugby, was only half-joking when, during the summer tour to New Zealand, he suggested that the answer could be to import some Maoris into the Highlands and set up a special breeding

programme. One awaits with interest the results. of a recent strong prop competition supervised by the powers-that-be, who are digging through the lower league in the hope unearthing a rough diamond who could be recut

than tactics' and polished before being sent out to shine in

the international arena. With the benefit of that wonderful commodity, hindsight, the decision to shunt Gregor Townsend, the author of many of Scotland's recent hits, was wrong Australia were certainly staggered by the switch which, on paper. made sense, given Craig Chalmers's sparkling earlyseason form. Townsend, the captain, pulled the strings then he could and when Scotland bit a high note. Townsend was invariably involved but too often he

Chalmers and Armstrong looked a throwback to a bygone era; they looked and often played like strangers. Redpath, with his razor-sharp service, will surely be back to face Italy in harness with Townsend. So, too, Scott Hastings and Ian Jardine and Andy Reed.

To their credit, Scotland have found themselves in similar situations before and come good after Christmas. witness two successive tilts at a grand slam. So one must not be too pessimistic.



Clement's ill fortune strikes once again

ANTHONY CLEMENT, the Swansea full back, had an operation on his Achilles tendon after his club's defeat by Ebbw Vale in the Welsh

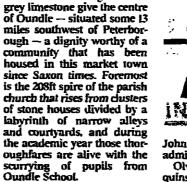
League on Saturday. Clement. 29, capped 37 times by Wales, has been increasingly injury-prone despite having made two tours with the British Isles, to Australia in 1989 and New Zealand in 1993. This latest blow is almost certain to put him out for this season.

Wales should, however, have the services of Scott Quinnell, whose agent, Mike Burton, has reached agreement with the Welsh Rugby Union after a series of wrangles over the contractual value of players who work outside Wales. Quinnell, the Richmond No.8. could receive a match fee of £3,000, with a similar bonus on top of a 510,000 retainer.

English clubs have been warned by Tom Wacker, the chief executive of the International Rugby Football Board. that failure to release players for international duty could result in disciplinary action. "The regulations are quite clear on the matter." Wacker said. "National sides take precedence. Clubs are not to

Nick Popplewell, the Ireland loose-head prop. will miss the international against Western Samoa at Lansdowne Road tomorrow. Popplewell has a hamstring injury and his place goes to Henry Hurley, Ol Midscary,
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Oundle thrive in good company MELLOW buildings of soft.



Thriving on a residential 'house" system, the school dates back to 1485, but cites 1556 as the most significant date in its history. The year when Sir William Laxton, a pupil at Oundle Grammar School at the end of the 15th century who went on to become Master of the Worshipful Company of Grocers and Lord Mayor of London, left, in a codicil to his will, property in London to the Grocers' Company on condition that it 'supported a school in

Sir William was not to know that "support", 439 years later, could also mean following the fortunes of a rugby team, but, on Saturday, the day of the 1996 Lord Mayor's Show in the City of London, that was the form that it took as perhaps 200 of the school's 820 pupils vociferously witnessed a thoroughly deserved 20-5 victory over Gresham's, from Holt, in Norfolk.

The result, as well as bringing Gresham's run of ten consecutive wins to a halt in what they willingly admit is their "cup final", extended Oundle's sequence this term to six victories and one draw in seven matches and continued the encouraging start to



John Olver's career as sports Olver, the former Harlequins captain, Northampton hooker and seemingly peren-nial England number two No 2 while Brian Moore filled

the jersey, took up his post at the beginning of this term and, when asked at his interview whether he could improve on the high standard set by Terry Cobner, his predecessor, answered, obviously appealingly: "Yes - cancel the two fixtures lost by Oundle last season." Cobner, the former British

Lion who was headhunted by the Welsh Rugby Union for the post of director of rugby this time last year, won 19 caps as a fearless flanker and was going to be a hard act to follow, but, as the three caps that Olver garnered testify, he is no stranger to a challenge.

The head [David Me-Murray was insistent that



Tucker provided a platform for victory against Greek

seasons suggests. Oundle play rugby for only one term and on that basis do not enter the Daily Mail Cup, in which their skills could be judged nationally. As Colston's Colle-glate School, from Bristol, have proved by winning the competition for the past two seasons, that restriction should not be seen as a barrier. With the likes of Tucker to call on in 1997 and

Olver's enthusiasm still at its

peak, perhaps it is time for Oundle to consider a change. SCHESS Conder Time E Dichel D Bost Conventions in Tudor (2) Perhap

Teichmann leads from rugby at Oundle should not be of the 'stuff it up your front for jumper variety," Olver said, "and that is how I want to see it played too." That, indeed, **Springboks** was how they beat Gresham's. It was at stand-off half,

SOUTH AFRICA won the first of their two matches against Argentina in Buenos Aires on Saturday, scoring five tries in the second half for a 46-15 victory. Gary Teichmann, the successor to Francois Pienaar as South Africa captain, was the outstanding player of the match and led his team to a comfortable win.

The South Africans were playing the second match of their tour, having beaten a Rosario club selection XV on Tuesday 45-36. The second international will take place this coming Saturday, also in Buenos Aires.

The Springboks started slowly, falling behind to a try by Gonzalo Camardon after Cilley and Honiball had swapped penalty goals. But sloppy defending by Argenti-na allowed Andre Venter and Mark Andrews to score tries - both converted by Honiball - that gave South Africa a 17-8 advantage at half-time.

South Africa put the match out of reach of Argentina with two tries straight after the interval, one scored by Hennie ke Roux, the centre, and a penalty try. Argentina scored a second try, but it proved to be academic as the Springboks ran in three late tries, the best scored by Andre Joubert.
Federico Méndez, the Argentina hooker who has signed recently for Bath, said afterwards that he was not overwhelmed by South Africa's performance, "I can't say that I am terribly impressed by this South African team; I think Natal could beat them. he said. Their rugby is not very imaginative and they rely

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Hall unhappy at the absence of Bath commitment

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By JOHN HOPKINS

AT THREE games seen in eight days, 32 tries were scored in the first two and none in the third. Yet the last game was the best of the three by the length of a Mike Catt punt. The first two were frolics with hardly a worthy scrum or forward move all afternoon. Northampton and Bath, by contrast, went at one another with such commitment that there were moments when you wanted to avert your eyes.

These days, Northampton are doing most things right. A packed and understandably committed crowd gave a touching demonstration of good manners by according Bath's kickers complete silence. Though the band that always used to greet the players as they ran on to the pitch was absent, it was probably because it would not have been able to make itself heard above the noise generated by the supporters. Is there a club in the first division with better

support than Northampton's? Then, there is lan Me-Geechan, always the same quiet and thoughtful man whose conversation makes you think. As darkness fell, he stood in the glare of a spotlight while being interviewed by television and surrounded by

50 spectators who hung on his every word. "It was a highly compentive and very clean game," McGeechan, the forthampton coach, said, Both sides were in extremely competitive moods.

He had thought about seeking a postponement of the game because Jonathan Bell, Allan Clarke, Michael Dods and Gregor Townsend were wanted by their countries, and though he gained considerable support from the Rugby Football Union, he decided against it, reasoning that there were probably not enough

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Saturdays left on which to stage the fixture.

Any remaining doubts were swept away by the edge of reality that has always been a McGeechan trademark. "The players have got to learn some time," he said. It did not stop him from criticising those unions, however — Ireland and other unions are not beloing the game."

Northampton took the game to Bath as if their lives depended on it, and the nine points by which they led at half-time proved enough of a bulwark for them to withstand Bath's comeback in the second half. They played more than

Rodber, their inspirational captain, whose left leg was stamped on. It is thought, though, that he will be fit to play against Italy on November 23.

At Bath, John Hall, the team manager, is considered a man among men. Phil de Glanville, the Bath captain, acknowledges that Hall has the last word in team selection, giving the impression that Hall has the last word in everything. This might not have been apparent from the way that Hall ambled on to the pitch at half-time and stood addressing his men with his hands in his corduroyed pockets. Nor could you have guessed from his face that anything was amiss at the end of the game; but his words would have sliced through glass.

"We did not seem to compete," he said. "They competed. They wanted to win. Our lads didn't seem to want to. I said before the game that it was going to be very hard, but they did not seem register. I also did not understand at the end why we were playing for a draw. We had three pieces of quality possession and we decided to kick. A draw was no

good. We needed to win.™ Bath lost this game in the first half. They were rattled by the intensity of Northampton's play and conceded penalties, two of which Grayson turned into points, and were set back



on their heels as early as the seventh minute when Grayson dropped a goal. The game was there for the taking during a pulsating second half when Martin Haag, Brian Cusack and Steve Olomoh were more inventive and efficient in the lineout than Northampton and Catt's kick-

ing from hand again and again set up opportunities. In years gone by, Bath would have won games such

Rough justice for victims of unfair dismissals

By GERALD DAVIES

REFEREES can rarely rest easy: so much to think about, so little appreciated. Almost every decision is somewhere, to dispute d. Theirs is an unenviable position. A sending off, however, usually inspires widespread endursement, but since referees can nowadays choose one of three options — a firm ticking off, a yellow card and a ned card - there is latitude for

disagreement. Shades of opin-By and large, though, symwas not the case at Ebbw Vale

Mark Jones and Stuart Evans were given their marching orders in the thirtieth minute of the first half. Once colleagues at Neath, they departed to rugby league only to season. At Eugene Cross Park, they found themselves on opposite sides.

. The match had been keenly contested and was getting keener. Suddenly, mayhem broke out and, amid the wreckage the former teammates were seen belting the tiving daylights out of each other. After consulting with a touch judge, Peter Bolland, the

There was no warning or yellow card.

As they walked away. Jones and Evans shook hands, smiled and chatted amicably together. They were clearly sharing a joke. There were no hard feelings. By the time they they were strolling almost arm arm. Such was their camaraderie, the crowd gave

them a little applause. Odd, really. Well, perhaps not so odd. The question is: to what extent should a referee take into account that, in a rough and tumble game, an outbreak of fisticults is quite likely to occur? An unsuspecting player may get an acciden-

the posts for the decisive score.

Despite the victory, Cooke

was unimpressed. That was

comfortably our worst perfor-

mance of the season," he said.

We were tactically naive

Bedford, whose seventh win

of the season consolidated

them in fourth position, now

enterrain Coventry, who lie

second. Cooke believes that

there is an ourside chance of

promotion. "But, if we lose

that, we're out of it," he said.

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throughout." Turner added.

tal elbow in his face that, misinterpreted, might open hostilities. As an initial response, the referee should take a somewhat lenient view.

After all, having let off such excessive steam, the players can then get on with the game. It is partly to be expected, being tolerant of a boot in the

Dwelling on this point sug-gests that there was little of interest elsewhere. This is partly correct. There was general agreement that the dismissals deflated the game's early combative mood. If Ebbw Vale do not appear to travel so well away from their valley, nobody entering it can

This was their sixth win in eight matches; were they more adept at scoring tries, and so gaining bonus points, they would be higher up the first division than they are. They have a stubborn pack

as this, somehow; but, as Hall

acknowledged, Northampton

wanted victory more and they

both got it and deserved it. SCORERS. Nonhampton: Penalty goals. Grayson (2) Dropped goal: Grayson Bath: Penalty goals: Calant 21

whose qualities are reinforced complement each other. Llewellyn is a striker who is capable of earning territory from his penetrating runs. Hayward kicks his goals well. In the first half, he landed a penalty goal and a dropped goal to Thomas's two penalty

James Griffiths's superb two-handed catching in the lineout gave Swansea the edge

managed only another penalty goal by Thomas. The last ten minutes belonged to Ebbw Vale. They pummelled the Swansea line and nearly crossed several times. In time added on, they did. Hayward scored the try and kicked the

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Mapletoft provides Gloucester with means to advance

West Hartlepool Gloucester ..

BY A CORRESPONDENT

MARK MAPLETOFT was steadily climbing the England representative ladder when it was kicked out from under him 18 months ago. Mapletoft's international aspirations were wrecked when he suffered a knee injury, sidelining him during a period in which England were searching for a successor to Rob Andrew at stand-off half.

There was, therefore, a certain irony that Mapletoft returned to the same Brierton Lane ground where he suffered that injury and proved to be the catalyst for Gloucester's victory in this Courage Clubs Championship first-division

relegation struggle.

Mapletoft collected a personal tally of 18 points with a try, two conversions and three penalty goals, and was by far and away the most influential figure on the field.

Nevertheless, Richard Hill, the Gloucester director of coaching, went home a reasonably happy man. Hill ac-cepted that the skill level was not as high as it could have been, while Mark Ring, the West Hartlepool player-coach, took most of the blame for his side's stuttering display.

"We tried to play it wide, but the Gloucester set-piece was too strong for us." Ring said. but I've got enough experience not to make plays in that situation and that's probably one of the reasons why I had a bad game. I persisted in trying to play high-risk rugby, and put the backs under pressure playing behind the forwards."

Mapletoft did exactly the opposite. He kept the hall in front of his big pack, knowing that they would win the rucks and mauls, and the lineouts more often than not. It was not great rugby, but it was effective: and when points are needed to stave off the spectre of relegation, who expects

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Munster's spirit not enough to undermine Samoans

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FROM KARLJOHNSTON IN CORK

THE sending-off of Trevor Leota. their hooker, early in the second half had no adverse effects on the Western Samoans as they powered their way past a depleted Munster in a lively match on Saturday. Leota had previously been warned for being too vigorous and the referee had no hesitation in dismissing him for a dangerous late

Colm Tucker, the Munster team manager, was happy enough with the performance, considering that II of his firstchoice players were training with national squads. The Western Samoans displayed superb handling skills, incisive running as well as a refreshing penchant for counter-attack that rubbed off on Munster.

Top honours for Munster went to Mike Lynch, at centre, who scored two tries, and Aidan O'Halloran, who kicked two conversions and two penalty goals.
The Western Samoans did

enough to suggest that they will be no pushover in the international against Ireland tomorrow. Tuigamala came on at left wing in the second half to

play his first match for his native country, but it was Pailate Fili, the right wing. who was outstanding. Mark Fatialofa and Terry Fanolua, the centres, scored three tries between them.

Sene Ta'ala and Fili also went over and an impressive pack overcame the loss of their hooker in considerable style.

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Cooke short-changes Scots

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By NICOLAS ANDREWS

IT WILL not be long before the tactical substitution is as familiar a part of rughy union as lifting in the lineout and cauliflower ears in the front now. but, for now, it is a novelty and, on Saturday, it won this Courage Clubs Championship second division game for Bedford.

It was Bedford who had first taken advantage of rugby's latest law against South Africa A last Monday. So it was no surprise to see Geoff Cooke. the club's director of rugby. pesticulating wildly from the touchline with 55 minutes gone against London Scottish at Richmond Athletic Ground. Cooke and Paul Turner, the

Beiford player-cuach, who missed this game with a hamstring injury, had marched on to the pitch at halftime in an attempt to sort out what was proving a compelling candidate for most mediccre game of the season.

The teams had rurned round at 7-7. Oliver having put Whetstone over for Bedford. Steele having created and completed a reply for London Scottish; but the first 30 minutes were scoreless and Martin Offiah was isolated and

Whatever it was that Cooke and Turner said had little effect, however, Granted, the scoreboard started ticking over with greater alacrity, but Bedford were failing to deploy their superior firepower up front and lacked penetration in midfield.

So. Pepper came on for Marshall, Rayer moved up to stand-off half instead of Tap-Rayer, the former Wales inter-

Offiah: isolated



national, put Pechey in under unemployed on the wing.

It was all a little harsh on London Scottish, who competed gamely throughout the second half. Steele, the club coach and stand-off half, took defeat on the chin. It was, he said, a better all-round performance than of late. "We controlled the game for about 70 minutes, but we just don't turn pressure into points enough," he said.

per and Pechey, formerly a Castleford rugby league player, came in to the centre. At last. Bedford started to dictate. Steele and Rayer exchanged further penalty goals, but then, with three minutes left.

Sale make hard work of subduing Orrell

Sale Orrell

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT WAS the dustcart after the Lord Mayor's Parade, but while Sale's victory at Heywood Road conspicuously lacked the pomp of their previous victory over Harlequins, they demonstrated the ability that a good team must possess of playing badly and still winning. Sale survive, indeed thrive.

on their wits. Orrell. firmly anchored at the foot of the first division, look sunk. In Anglesea and Hitchmough, they possess two of the most promising talents in the league, but how long will it be before they are lured away? As tenacious as Orrell were, Sale, for all the contrasting sloppiness to their performance against Harlequins, were predictable winners once Erskine had claimed the

first trv. Sale badly missed Dewi Morris, but were never really in trouble when Fowler and Baldwin, their admirable locks, were in command. Baldwin's try was typical of their performance, a clean lineout take and drive over the line by Fowler and Co in a dominant second half.

If a penalty try had been awarded for the daylight robbery, in which Anglesea was deliberately held back when in the clear, it could have been interesting. As it was, Hitchmough landed his second penalty goal of the first half and Orrell failed in the intervening half-hour, until a consolation score by Nelson. to punish Sale's glaring errors and missed tackles.

O'Grady was well positioned for his two tries, one after skilful work by Rees and the other courtesy of an air shot by Hitchmough as he attempted to clear. There was no luck about the last try, a set-move with Devereux the decoy runner and Beim the unstoppable scorer.

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acquired status as sole conquerors of Newcastle this seagrowing reputation.

The final score and the 5-1 Coventry, though, were eventually worth the win, with field.

There was a lethargy to some of Coventry's approach, however, that was at odds with the tradition behind the occasion. Julian Horrobin, the No S. is, for example, a skilled footballer, who made some

Coventry inspired by Eves charming touches at outside centre, but seemed content to

BY MICHAEL AYLWIN

BRANDISHING their newly son. Coventry returned to more traditional fare on Saturday and maintained their pressure at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship second division with this win. Moseley were the hosts of this Midland derby, a fixture that is 117 years old, but showed scant respect for Coventry's

try count were convincing for Coventry, but the perfor-mance was less so, particularly during the opening quarter of an hour in which Moseley burst into a 13-0 lead, that included a try for Dan Harris. their stronger and more skilful forwards providing ammunition for an imaginative mid-

spend much of his time in the threequarters. A little more graft in the heart of the action might have been appropriate.

Yet Coventry's game is founded upon such versatile footballers. Their forwards are required to be interchangeable with their backs. We're on a learning curve." Derek Eves, the player-coach. said. "We weren't so good today, but form counts for nothing in these local derbies. If Coventry were after a role model, though, they need look

was in superlative form. Eves. the former Bristol captain, seems to be involved in almost everything and was

no further than Eves, who



instrumental in the game's best my. Covenity's third. Released by one of Coventry's switches in midfield.

Eves sprinted 40 yards to Moseley's 22 before supplying Andy Smallwood with the scoring pass. Earlier tries from Crane and Dawson a second-half try from Crofts and a late penalty try completed Coventry's win. Moseley remain at the hor-

tom of the second division, but continue to recruit. Darragh O'Mahony, the Ireland international, made his debut on Saturday and looked sharp on the wing, but the biggest source of excitement is the signing of Al Charron, the Canada flanker.

Charron, 30, the captain of Canada, becomes available for selection next month and should provide Moseley with a cutting edge.

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Goss makes light of handicaps

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

SAILING single-handed nonstop around the world is hard enough. Doing it with no radio almost from day one. makes it doubly hard. In Pete Goss's case, it is depriving him of vital weather faxes and cutting him off from his fellow

Despite these handicaps, Goss has produced a fine performance in the first week of the Vendée Globe to be lying in seventh place, as the 16-strong fleet heads down towards the Canaries. Goss, whose Adrian Thompson-designed Aqua Quorum is the only 50-footer in the race, is a little more than 100 miles behind Yves Parlier, of France, on Aquitaine Innova-

tions, the leader. In an interview via satellitefax from his boat yesterday, Goss admitted that the loss of his single side-band radio, shortly after the start, when he endured two days of going to windward into a gale in the Bay of Biscay, was beginning to worry him. He has tried everything to get it going, but so far to no avail.

"As time goes on, so the racing becomes more and more consuming," he said. "Unfortunately, the lack of a radio denies me the skipper's chat show, so I am missing out there — not just the race information but the company of a common cause." Later, after explaining his puzzle-ment at its failure, he added: "I feel its loss severely as I can't get any weather faxes in cross your fingers on the

radio, as I see it as pivotal." Goss's predicament is something of an action replay of the single-handed transatlantic race this summer when he also lost use of his radio after it was flooded during a knockdown about two thirds of the way across, leaving him again short on weather information. This time, he is getting data

from the race organisers and Meteo France on his Sat-Com C, but he clearly feels at a

Goss had a tough start, like everyone else. While he pounded across the Biscay into 45 knots, he was continually sick and ate only one day's food in three days. "It was pretty grim - I just kept gulping water and going for it," he said. "I felt a bit punchdrunk at times, but with the with it. All I had to do was hold on.

Then Goss experienced the first pangs of the loneliness that all the skippers have to battle against and which will be a bigger danger to him if he is unable to restore radio contact. "After Biscay and all the humanity and frenzy of the start. I felt very displaced and had to focus on the basics," he said. The hardest thing I have ever done is get Aqua Quorum to the start. At times it has haunted me."

Yesterday. Goss was making around nine knots under full main and his 265 square metre spinnaker. Behind him, there are nine 60-footers. One, skippered by Didier Munduteguy, is still in port at Les Sables D'Olonne, awaiting a new mast.
Three other skippers who

each had to return to Les Sables for repairs, Nandor Fa, of Hungary, Thierry Dubois, of France, and Tony Bullimore, of Great Britain. have all restarted.

Parlier, the leader, meanwhile, has abandoned his plans to stop in a river on Grand Canary to refill his fresh water containers, more than half of which have leaked and are now empty. He has no water on board Aquitaine Innovations and will rely instead on collecting rain off his mainsail and hope that that gets him to the finish.

Whineray head and shoulders above the rest



David Hands on the

issue of leadership as de Glanville

takes rugby helm

Then Will Carling stepped down as captain of the England rugby union team last March, he did so after 59 appearances in the role. During his eight years at the helm, the course of the game changed fundamentally, England's profile rose like a rocket and Carling himself became one of the most identifiable sportsmen in the country - indeed, in the world. though not all of that fame was

due to his rugby skills.
In the context of his sport, no man has achieved such a record of leadership. Before Carling. England's captaincy record was held by the bluff Bill Beaumont with 21; his nearest rival is Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealander, with 41. Yet, as Phil de Glanville prepares for his first game as captain, does longevity necessarily make for greatness? Certainly it is a testimony to endurance, to the respect of team-mates and management. to skills to hold down a place

Every successful captain in every sport will tell you that a great captain is part of a great team and the bigger the team
- as in rugby with 15 players. as against 11 cricketers or footballers - the more things can go wrong. That Carling was part of a memorable period of English rugby history and that teams that he led achieved more than in any other period of the game is indisputable. The facts are

in a national team for so long.



David Miller, chief sports correspondent, makes his

choice of the best leader to step onto a football pitch

there: three grand slams, a five nations championship and a

World Cup final. True greatness, though, is achieved by few and En-gland's successes over the past eight years must be set within the parameters of European rugby and those self-imposed restrictions of style that were accorded respect but seldom affection, let alone the awesome qualities of, say, the 1967 New Zealanders or their successors of 1987 and 1996. Within those limitations, Carling performed well, but the game's historians may decide that his particular genius was in remoulding the office off the field — of bringing to it an individual quality that appealed to the reserved English character yet helped Carling onto a commercial plane which none of his predeces-

sors had envisaged.

Sporting greatness is re-

served for those individuals

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strictly limited.

who win matches when the chips are down, who take icecold decisions in the heat of battle that change the course of events. Thus the leader by example - Jean-Pierre Rives. the Frenchman, Eric Evans, the English hooker, the rocksolid Gavin Hastings, of Scotland - will fail the ultimate test. Ireland offer a trio of longstanding hookers in Karl Mullen, Ronnie Dawson and Ciaran Fitzgerald, all of them British Isles captains, but whose record of success is

Some may argue that Francois Pienaar, 29 times the leader of South Africa, fulfils all the criteria for sporting

greatness: yet, as a player, Pienaar lacks genuine stature. His qualities shine through as have learnt so much in so short a time from their near being the right man in the right place at the right time. A combination of good judgment and good fortune precipitated Pienaar into the limelight and he, blessed with good looks. intelligence and diplomatic stature above and beyond the common run, acquired a charisma at a time of catachysmic change in South Africa that will endure even longer in the circumstances of his sudden rejection by his sport's leaders.

Yet, we must go further south for the epitome of the great captain - to New Zealand and to Australia, who

neighbour. The All Blacks offer three outstanding candidates for greatness: Wilson Whineray, Brian Lochore and Graham Mourie. Had he played longer, maybe Mourie would have achieved all the necessary qualifications, but he chose not to appear against the 1981 South Africans and did not lead his country again. The palm must go to Whineray, both for what he was as a sportsman and the obvious gifts that have taken

him far in New Zealand's public life since. When a man is called upon to lead New Zealand at the age

of 23, it is no accident. Whineray a loose-head prop-who played provincial rugby from 1953 to 1966, appeared 32 times for the All Blacks. He was captain on 30 times between 1958 and 1965, against the best in the world — the will we know his true value.

1959 British Lions, the 1960 South Africans, the 1961 French and on tour in England in 1963-64, when he was chaired from the field after the final match against the Barbarians.

His teams failed on only five occasions. Terry McLean. New Zealand's greatest rugby writer, described Whineray as highly intelligent, mature beyond his years, a most earnest student of the game, a firm but calm leader who commanded unqualified admiration. would unhesitatingly acclaim him as New Zealand's greatest

Colin Meads, a great but grim player of few words, remarked on the fierce loyalty that Whineray inspired and after the tour to South Africa in 1960, the only losing series in which Whineray played, South Africans acknowledged that New Zealand could not have sent "a more responsible or finer character as captain."

scends his time: his ball skills would have made him as much at home in the game today as in his own era, and few are granted a specific tactic named after them - in his case, the "Willie away", the lineout peel and charge that others have emulated. He could play No & and enjoyed himself in the back row on tour on several occasions.

Whineray played with out-standing individuals — Lochore himself, Meads, Don Clarke So, too, did Nick Farr-Jones, the Australia scrum half who may be described as the best of the modern era. It is given to few to lift rugby's ultimate prize, the World Cup. but Farr-Jones did so yet he remains a man of genuine humanity.

Farr-Jones seldom allowed his position as the pivot of the Australia team to crush his tactical awareness. True, his series against the Lions, but he became a truly gifted player and captain. Three years after his departure Australia are still struggling to replace

All great players leave a void when they have gone, which brings us back to Carling. Only when he has gone

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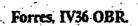
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CHANGING TIMES

While pounding Hampstead Heath, Oliver August set his sights on breaking a marathon barrier





It's all over, for now at least: Oliver August keeps warm after completing the New York City marathon and (right) the access ramp to the Verrazano Narrows bridge, from Staten Island to Brooklyn, the start

On the run in New York

Three hours; 180 min-utes; 10,800 seconds. That is the soundbarrier for marathon runners. The sub-three hour club isn't exclusive, worldclass runners jog the 26 miles in a little over two hours. But for an amateur, a two-hour umething marathon is quite

an achievement. At least that is what I have been telling myself over the past few months as I have Heath in the dark. My chosen location for an attempt at joining the sub-three hour. club was New York, home of the hyperactive. Now I was facing the Verrazano Narrows hridge, the world's second largest suspension bridge and starting point of the New York City marathon.

How much of an uphill struggle this would be was easy to grasp. Unlike the London marathon, there were no easy-to-overtake runners dressed up as Mr Blobby or Mystic Meg I was sand-Americans ii didn'i know

there were that many), and it seemed that getting across the starting line, let alone reaching Manhattan, was going to take more than three hours. I was cold. I was claustrophobic and I had missed the last chance to go to the toilets they still called them "bathrooms even though they were stinking portable lavatories. Opposite, the world's longest urinal - 380 feet - had been erected. Unfortunately, it collapsed at one end as runners were leaving the various prethe warm-up area.

The start gun went off. Five minutes later I was still standing in the same spot. I overheard a conversation between. two marathon veterans, al-most Clinton and Dole lookalikes, one tall and talkative, the other thinner and more sceptical. Bill said: "A marathon shouldn't hurt till the very end." Bob said: "You just push through, I guess."

How I wanted to agree with them. But my first marathon, in Leeds last spring, had taught me a different lesson. moving at a somewhat overoptimistic pace as it turned our. What happened after mile 20 I find difficult to recall because I was only just conscious enough to stay upright. The running community has coined two terms that describe what happens when your body runs out of fuel: "hitting the wall" or simply "blowing

In the last six miles of the Leeds marathon I was passed by the most humiliating range of runners. One-legged pensioners still seemed to have thing patronising as they hobbled past. I eventually finished in three hours 38 minutes. My second and so far only other marathon saw a decent enough improvement in my finishing time but was equally painful. I bumbled along the Thames from Windsor to Chiswick in 3 hours 14 minutes. Getting under three hours now seemed to be

within my grasp. It took 15 minutes to get over and off the Verrazano Narrows bridge. We were heading north through Brooklyn and the weather and atmosphere were warming up. Runners took off jumpers and woolly hats and tossed them into the crowd. Many runners had Tshirts with their names printed on and the crowds readily cheered "Go Ollie, Go Ollie,

Thousands had come out. This was a street party as

typically American as the chocolate chip cookie. Children had lined up with their hands held out, waiting to slap a runner's hand. Their mothers looked on with baskets of food and slices of fruit for us. Meanwhile, a different band was playing on every street corner, urging the runners onwards with anything from jazz to the theme tune from the Rocky films.

More than once I felt like asking "why aren't you run-ning?" But I was still feeling fit and well. I was logging seven minutes per mile which put me on course for my sub-three hour goal.

Running the New York marathon must be one of the salest and most comprehensive sightseeing tours of the city. Protected by a wall of well-meaning spectators we ran through some of the den neighbourhoods. No tourist would dare to come here at any other time. Yet these areas reveal a surprising picture. Judging from the segregation among the crowds, the idea of America as a melting pot eems preposterous. Cubans, Mexicans, Jews. Afro-Americans, Koreans, Vietnamese, Chinese, Italians, Russians -

own food and playing their own music. The marathon as a sightseeing tour became even more attractive as we left Brooklyn at the halfway point, dipped into Queens for two miles and then crossed the East River into Manhattan. There is little that hasn't been said about the Manhattan skyline, and the view from the 50th Street Bridge, made famous in a Simon and Garfunkel song.

MARC ASPLAND

they all occupy their own

separate blocks, offering their

In Manhattan along First Avenue, the crowds were even denser than in Brooklyn but some runners were already fading and starting to walk. At mile 20 a medical tent was waiting for them, with more than 50 nurses kneeling by their haggard and blistered patients. I had just passed the tent and entered Fifth Avenue in Harlem for the final stretch when my body started to rebel. club membership going to be cheap.

there on foot worthwhile.

symphony of marathon noises is all that my brain registered in the last five miles. A subway train rushing below. The never-ending it's-notmuch-further shouts from the crowds. Dogs barking in the adjoining Central Park. At the water stations, the sounds of the half-full cups splashing onto the road, the squashing noise when the following runners stepped on them, and then the gentle rustling as the wind swept the empty and flattened cups across the Manhattan canyons.

its proximity with a deafening roar. Runners grunted, barely audible, as they crossed it. Then, silence, for the first time in 3 hours, 3 minutes and 24 made all the effort of getting seconds.

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT This was the costilest lead of 1995 in the TGR £100 game. Game all

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I think East was correct to force with Two Spades over North's One Heart. His bid of Five Hearts over North's Five Diamonds was a cue-bid. West's double of Six Dia-

monds was the "par" decision in a theoretical sort of way, in that East-West are off two aces in Six Spades and Six Diamonds should go down. Also West only had three-card trump support and a minimum hand, so from his point view it looked right double to warn his nuriner.

Perhaps East should not have but Six Spades over West's double of Six Diamends, but East prightly as it turned out) was nervous of there being an acadent against Six Diamonds. When South couldn't double Six

Lead: ace of spa

Spades, North reasonably saved" in Seven Diamonds. Now what should West lead? Although the opponents are apparently sacrificing, this isn't the moment for a trump lead - the danger with that is that South might get the hearts going. So West must go for the "cash-out" defence. It looks from East's removal of West's double of Six Diamonds that East has great length in spades. Thus it seems to me that a club is indicated - that is the suit in which an ace is most likely to stand up. West's actual choice of the ace of spades cost 2,280

— South established the hearts and made the grand slam. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday. WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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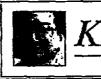
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CHESS CORRESPONDENT

By RAYMOND KEENE

Shirov slaughter

The Fontys tournament in Tilburg was responsible for the creation of a large number of outstandingly beautiful games, many of which have already been published in this column. One of the most dramatic was the game today, in which the Latvian grandmaster Alexei Shirov demolishes the world's highest

ranked female grandmaster. Shirov's play blended erudi-tion and violence in pleasing measure. His sacrifice of a knight on move 13 was clearly advance preparation. This caused a weakening of Black's king's defences and Shirov exploited this to land a se-quence of devastating tactical

White: Alexei Shirov Black: Judith Polgar Tilburg, October 1996

Sicilian Defence 4 Nac4 5 Nac3 6 Se2 7 0-0 0-0 Oc7 Re8 Bf8 Nfd7 bxe6

Od1 exf5 g6 Bd4 Bxf5 Qe8 Ng4 Qe4 Nc6 Kg8 Rxf8

Diagram of final position

Toulouse international

Three British players competed in the category nine tournament in Toulouse. Full results were as follows: Marciano 7 out of 9; Lepelletier 6½; Flear and Hamdouchi 5; Mitkov 4½: Dumnington and Eliet 4; Touzane 3½: Bricard 3; Kinsman 25.

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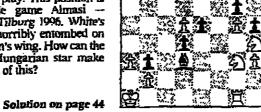
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Almasi --Polear, Tilburg 1996. White's king is horribly entombed on the queen's wing. How can the young Hungarian star make the most of this?





Preparing for the big day

YOU don't think you can run a mara-thon? You'd rather mow the whole of Hyde Park or give Buckingham Palace a new lick of paint? Well, the secret to marathon running is the training and preparation. If you can find the necessary discipline you will be able to run a marathon as if it had been programmed into your chromosomes. Unlike football or tennis, there isn't much that can go wrong on the day. Everyone can run, all you have to do is equip yourself for putting one foot in front of the other approximately 50,000 times without

stopping.
Start by jogging slowly for as long as you feel comfortable. Forget training schedules for the moment, the marathon is still a month away and you should first learn to enjoy running because you will be doing a lot of it. The key to marathon training at the more advanced stage is very simple: it's all about mileage. Serious runners will do an average of ten

miles a day but first-time marathoners should stick to 20-30 miles a week. You may want to begin with lots of short runs but ideally your body should get used to covering longer and longer distances. In between these longer runs your body will need at least one, but more likely two or three days rest.

A popular training schedule in the weeks before the marathon is to do a long run on the weekend and two shorter ones during the week. Some marathon run-ners also like to do interval training where you "sprint" for three to six minutes, then rest for the same period and repeat this up to ten times. Another version of this is to run up a hill and jog back down several times.

Whatever you do. don't try to run 26 miles in one go during your training. The necessary recovery phase would slow your training down too much. Plus. you'll want to preserve your suspense till race day.

The best marathons in the world

TO get a start number in the New York marathon, call the New York Road Runners' Club on 001 212 800 4455. They will tell you how to make an application as an overseas runner. If you want to increase your chances of getting a number then come to New York and hand in your application in person on a Saturday in May (date not set yet). This will almost guarantee you a place. The New York marathon is usually held on the first Sunday in November. If you can't get a start number for New York, try one of the following: Boston: very famous but quite hilly. Berlin: run across the Wall. London: the Flora London Marathon, the world's biggest.

Cape Town: the most beautiful. Athens: the run that created the marathon industry.

For more details, see Runners' World magazine on most newsstands.



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The finish line announced

Court powerless to overturn judge Investigating foreign fraud claim

Ex parte Austintel Ltd Before Lord Justice Morritt, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice

[Judgment October 31] A judge's refusal to allow a

company to inspect and make multiple searches of the records of insolvency proceedings was final and the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction to consider a renewed application under Order 59, rule 14(3) of the Rules of the Supreme

Court nor could it grant leave to appeal against that decision. The Insolvency Rules Committee should consider the practical and policy questions which had arisen concerning multiple searches of the records of insolvency proceedings following the

computerisation of court records.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an application by Austintel Ltd under Order 59, rule [4[3] of the Rules of the Supreme Court for leave to inspect and make multiple searches pursuant to rule 7.28 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) of the records of insolvency proceedings at the Liverpool Dis-

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker. Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, refused an application to inspect pursuant to rule 7.28(2) on the ground that Austintel's purpose of abstracting the entirety of the information in order to make it available to its subscribers was not a proper purpose (The Times May 21, 1996;

[1996] I WLR 1291]. Rule 7.28 provides: "(1) Subject as follows, the court's records of insolvency proceedings shall be

en to inspection by any person.
(2) If in the case of a person applying to inspect the records the registrar is not satisfied as to the propriety of the purpose for which inspection is required, he may refuse to allow it. The person may then apply forthwith and ex parte inspection, or allow it on such

"(3) The judge's decision under paragraph (2) is final." Mr Justin Rushbrooke for Austintel: Mr Richard Snowden for the Society of Practitioners of

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that the first point was whether in the light of rule 7.28(3) of the 1986 Rules, the Court of Appeal had any jurisdiction to

entertain the application. Section 18(1)(c) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 provided that no appeal lay to the Court of Appeal from any decision of the High Court or any other court which "by virtue of any provision (however expressed) of this or any other Act.

Austintel contended that section 18 did not preclude the court from considering its application because the provision was not contained in an Act but in subordinate legislation with the consequence that section IS(I)(c) did not apply and because it was applying, not appealing to the court as permitted

by Order 59, rule 14(3).

His Lordship was quite unable to accept those submissions. The legal force and effect of subordinates. nate legislation such as the 1486 Rules was derived from the primary legislation which authorised it. Thus the legal force and effect of rule 7.28(3) stemmed from the Insolvency Act 1986.

His Lordship could see no reason why the reference in section provision (however expressed of ... any other Act" should not extend to provisions in subordinate legislation authorised by that other Act as well as to provisions physically contained in it.

It was plain from the context that the applications to the Court of Appeal envisaged in Order 59, rule 14 were those incidental to some substantive appeal whether past. pending or prospective.

Rule 14(3) could not have the

effect of giving to the Court of Appeal jurisdiction to entertain an

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Council. Ex parte Steed and The failure to register a town green under section 1(2)(a) of the Com-

mons Registration Act 1965 did not have the effect of extinguishing any existing customary rights over the land which could be proved in

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Schiemann) so stated on July 11 in dismiss an appeal by the applicants, David and Colin Steed, against a decision of Mr Justice Carnwath to dismiss

their application to quash the refusal of Suffolk County Council to register the Peoples Park, Sud-

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that he had come to that conclusion having regard to the nature of customary rights as explained in Hammerton v Honey ((1876) 24 WR 603). The unregistered green would not be deemed to be a green. as registered land would be, but it might still be proved in evidence to be a green.

However, on the facts the ap-plicants had failed to establish that such rights had existed.

to hear a substantive appeal for the same relief was excluded by section (S(1)(c). In those circumstances, his Lordship considered that the court had no jurisdiction to entertain the application.

His Lordship expressed no view on the application's merits. One matter had become clear though. That related to whether the 1986 advances in information

The rules appeared to be drafted on the supposition that the records of insolvency proceedings required by rule 7.27 were contained in a large book which the person referred to in rule 7.28(1) asked a court clerk to produce for his inspection. Thus, it was assumed. the information obtainable was limited in practice to what the individual to whom it was produced could abstract while he had possession of it.

But that might not take sufficient account of the fact that the court records were being computerised and the facilities available to the searcher enabled him to match information in those records with the customer list of his clients. That was a topic to interest the Insolvency Rules Committee.

LORD JUSTICE WARD. concurring, said that as the prob-lems raised in argument seemed since the most energetic of rules committees was unlikely to be able to legislate quickly enough to alleviate them, he ventured to express some views, obiter and tentative though they might be.
The question was whether a

search of the register of winding up petitions made for creditcontrol purposes was tainted with impropriety. What had to be improper was the purpose of the search. His Lordship could not see purposes was to search for an

What if the search was con-ducted with a further purpose in mind. namely to support any perition which he might discover had been filed, in order to gain the event that the debt of the petitioning creditor was satisfied? His Lordship did not see that as a

conumercially improper step. It was said that it was of fundamental importance that all creditors stood on equal footing and that one should not gain an advantage over another. But the register was open to all and so the playing field did not cease to be level simply because some of the players did not know how to play

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Mr Justice Jonathan Parker had found that the purpose for which Austintel sought leave to inspect the register was predominantly that of abstracting the entirety of the information entered on the register and making such informa-

tion available to its customers and subscribers on commercial terms. He had held that the carrying into effect of the purpose resulted, and was intended to result, in Austimel maintaining what was for all practical purposes a dupli cate of the register maintained by the court, but with the difference that whereas the register main tained by the court was subject to the court's power to control inspection conferred by rule 7.28(2), the duplicate register was outside the rules and thus outside the control

of the court. Austingel required inspection of the register to make a copy of it so that they could inform their clients, in one electronic way or another. whether the customers' names appeared, in order that they might take whatever commercial action they considered to be appropriate in the light thereof. His Lordship did not regard the purpose of the commercial exploitation of the information in that way to be

What the judge appeared to have found to smack of impropriety was the consequence of their achieving their purpose, namely their having control over the whole of the information on the register when, by the rules, the court was the only arbiter of when, how and to whom the records were to be disclosed. His Lordship was not sure that eliding of purpose and cone was a correct application of rule 7.28(2) which entitled the court to refuse to allow inspection only if it was "not satisfied as to the propriety of the purpose for which

nspection is required.

The court should not abdicate responsibility for keeping control the information on its register If, however, the purpose for which the information was sought was legitimate, that is, collecting it as agent for onward transmis the client only in respect of their named customers, and if the court could be satisfied that no use would be made of the other information, then the interests of the applicant and the court could he reconciled

If terms were exacted to allow the applicant to do as much as but no more than an individual could do in respect of one or more named debtors, then his Lordship did not see why the practice should be curtailed, at least before the Insolvency Rules Committee had had opportunity to consult and decide Lord Justice Potter gave a concurring judgment.

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Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte Fininvest SpA and Others Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Gage

Judgment October 231 Letters of request from the Italian authorities seeking assistance in obtaining documents relating to the alleged commission of an international fraud but not specifically identifying any particular transaction or activity, had not been wrongly referred to the Serious Fraud Office nor wrongly implemented by them.

The Oueen's Bench Divisional

application by Fininvest SpA, a large Italian corporation with in-terests in advertising, publishing and broadcasting. Mr Confalo-nieri, Fininvest's president and Mr Berlusconi, a former president of the corporation, its principal shareholder and, inter alia, from March to December 1994, Prime Minister of Italy, for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to refer a request for stance from the Italian authorities to the Director of the SPO Justice (International Co-opera-

The Home Secretary received from the Italian public prosecutor letters of request under the provisions of the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1989, im-plemented in the United Kingdom by the 1990 Act. By that letter the Italians requested assistance in obtaining documents held by a company in London which were relevant to allegations in Italy against the applicants of a massive

Prosecutions had already begun against one of the applicants who, it was alleged, had made illicit donations to a former prime minister. Such donations were illicit because they were made without authority of the corpora-tion and without records and Italian law required transparency of political payments.

The request was referred by the Home Secretary to the SFO under section 4 of the 1990 Act and the SPO implemented the request under their powers in the Criminal Justice Act 1987 by seeking, obtaining and executing a search war-rant in respect of the company. Documents were seized and examined by representatives of the Italian authorities

Miss Clare Montgomery, QC Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Julian Knowles for the applicants; Mr James Turner for the Home Secretary; Mr Andrew Rad-cliffe for the Serious Fraud Office as an interested party.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the primary refer the request to the SFO as the request could not properly be regarded as one "for the assistance in observations evidence" (section 4 of the 1990 Act, but was rather a fishing expedition.
It was further submitted that the

Home Secretary was bound to consider whether or not the request concerned a political offer within the meaning of article 2(a) of the 1959 Convention and that had he done so in the light of were duty bound, but had failed, to provide he would have concluded that it did and that would have discretion to refuse assitan

The applicant submitted that "evidence" had an established meaning in the context of mutual assistance and that was direct contrasted with information which evidence: see Rio Tinto Zinc Corp v Westinghouse Electric Corp [1978]

His Lordship accepted the respondent's submission that what was meant by "evidence" in the nt context was not identical to established meaning in the Vestinghouse case.

Provision had been made by the

1990 Act for obtaining evidence in connection with a criminal investigation providing only that the Home Secretary was satisfied that offence was being carried on and that there were reasonable grounds for suspecting that it had an committed.

When one spoke of "evidence" in the context of a criminal investigation, the permissible area of search had inevitably to be wider than plete. In short, the 1990 Act created a wholly new scheme for munual assistance with regard to crimina investigations under which it would plainly be necessary to examine altogether more material than would ultimately constitute

evidence at any trial. That considertion of itself was sufficient to defeat the applicants' contention. What was under investigation was a wide rang multi-faceted, international fraud navolving far-reaching allegations against a large number of individuals in connection with an even larger group of companies.

Considering that it was at an investigative stage, one could hardly have looked for greater particularisation for the offences than was contained in the letters of request. The request for assistance was not vague and speculative but as precise and focused as such a request could sensibly have been

in the circumstances. On the political issue, his Lordship rejected the respondent's contention that the Home Secretary was not bound to consider whether the offence was connected with a political one; to do so would plainly be to overlook a material consideration.

That was not to say, however, that the Home Secretary was bound to reach a decision as to whether or not the offences were. connected with political offences; he could have decided that

discretion to refuse to cooperate with the Italian authorities.

In his Lordship's judgment whether or not an offence was political was to be determined according to English law. Having considered the relevant case law his Lordship said, rejecting the applicants' submission, that the making of illegal political donations was merely an offence against the ordinary law enacted for the proper ordering of the democratic process in Italy and although it was, therefore, an offence committed in a political context that did not make it a

political offence. While his Lordship accepted that the inference to be drawn from the basic facts of the case was that the basic racts or the case was that the offence was committed to influence government policy, his Lordship did not accept that any offence committed with a view to inducing a change in government policy wa ipso facto to be regarded as a political offence.

In the present case the offence was not intrinsically political and was not made so because the offender hoped to change policy by boying political influence nor because the Italian judiciary by prosecuting him hoped to clean up politics. The application would be

Mr Justice Gage agreed.

No costs power

Regina v Camden London

Borough Council, Ex parte Martin . The High Court had no jurisdic

tion to entertain an application against legal representatives for wasted costs pertaining to a puta-tive respondents activities in opposing an application for leave to apply for judicial review.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the een's Bench Division on Octoher 25 when refusing the applica Council against the legal repre-sentatives of Margarita Martin subsequent to the withdrawal of her application against the council

for judicial review of its decision not to make renewed offers of

council accommodation to her. HIS LORDSHIP said that there was no power in the court to make a wasted costs order in favour of or, by parity of reasoning, against a person who elected to oppose an ex parte application for leave to apply for judicial review. Such a person was not a party for presen purposes.

The modern practice of the court in regularly hearing and some-times inviting the participation of such persons could not make it otherwise; only legislation or a rule change could make it so.

Scots Law Report November 11 1996 Outer House

No cause of action after vasectomy failure

McFarlane v Tayside Health

Before Lord Gill

[Judgment September 30] Where a vasectomy was performed upon a man, but his wife neverthenant and gave birth to a healthy and normal child, the hospital was not obliged to pay damages because the conception of the child was not an injury to the wife, because pregnancy and labour, although causing discomfort and pain. were natural processes resulting in a happy outcome and hecause the financial cost of raising the child was wholly offset by the immeasurable value of the child's existence.

Lord Gill, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, sustaining a plea to the relevancy stated by Tayside Health Board in an action of reparation brought against them by Mr and Mrs George McFarlane and

Mrs Anne Smith, QC, for the oursuers: Mr Colin Campbell, QC,

LORD GILL said that the pursuers averted that the first pursuer had had a vasectorny at one of the defenders' hospitals and that during subsequent tests of his sperm there had been an administrative error at the hospital in conpuence of which the pursuers had been erroneously advised that they could dispense with contraceptive precautions. They did so and the second

pursuer had subsequently given birth to a daughter. They sought damages in two categories. The first related to the physical consequences to the second pursuer, namely her pregnancy and labour. cond category related to the financial consequences for both financial consequences for count pursuers, namely, the second pursuer's alleged need to give up her job and aliment for the child. The defenders had expressly renounced any argument that the second category of loss was purely

economic or that the pursuers could have mitigated their loss by having the child aborted or placed for adoption: see Emeh v Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster ton and Cheisea and westminster AHA (1985) I QB 1012). His Lordship's decision was confined to the agreed circum-stances that the pregnancy had

normal and healthy. His Lordship had surveyed decisions from a number of jurisdicnions, including that of the Supreme Court of Minnesota in Sherlock v Stillwater Clinic ((1977)

been normal and the child was

it was not apparent why Sherlock should enjoy the status that the English courts seemed to have given it. It was only one of many diverse decisions on the point in the United States. It appeared not to represent the preponderant view there and it had been suggested that it might no longer represent the law even in Minnesota: A. Stewart Damages for the Birth of a Child (1995) 40 JLSS 298). This was, his Lordship thought, the first occasion on which the

defenders had taken the position that such an action was fundamentally irrelevant. His Lordship agreed that the question of relevancy could be decided without allowing a proof. They had also stated a plea view that his Lordship took of the primary question, he did not need to base his decision on that

whether, and it so to what extent, the court should mark the fact that whatever pain or distress the mother might have suffered in pregnancy and labour and whatever financial outlay both parents might incur, each had received the gift of a child and all of the actual and prospective benefits emo-tional, social and economic, that the child brought to them.

The first category of loss raised the questions of, first, whether the conception, pregnancy and labour constituted injury at all, and second, whether in consequence of the conception, pregnancy and labour, the wife had sustained any A normal pregnancy occurring

ould not be equiparated with a physical injury. Pregnancy caused discomfort, pain and sickness. Labour was acusely painful and find the property of the painful and the painfu distressing. But those were natural processes resulting in a happy outcome. They were the natura sequelae of conception. That was an event that in the present case could hardly be considered as a

physical injury per se. Even if pregnancy and labour could be regarded as an injury, it was not an injury for which damages should be recoverable. They could not be dissociated from

ell To do so would be to ignore the existence of the child and the happiness that the second pursuer had had and would continue to have from her existence. Those benefits could neither be dis-regarded nor held not to outweigh the natural pain and discomforminherent in the creation of life.

That left the financial losses. The case law in numerous jurisdictions exemplified three types of solution: I To treat the value of the child as outweighing any cost that the parents might incur.

2 To disregard the value of the child, as being a value of a

different order, and therefore to

allow full recovery, subject only to considerations of remoteness and the like; and 3 To allow limited recovery. by offsetting the value of the child's existence against specific heads of claim or by treating that value as necessarily outweighing one or more such heads: see Allen v Bloomsbury HA [1993] All ER

651); Thake v Maurice ([1986] I QB

644): Sherlock. The third approach was logically the least satisfactory. As soon as the court recognised that the child's life had a value that should be taken into account, it had to face the implications of assessing that

Any principle of damages that countenanced that value as an offset only, had to be held to affirm that the value of a child's life could be less than the casts involved in rearing him: in short, that his existence was overall a net loss. His Lordship had found no decision in which any clear and logical measure of calculating any

such offset had been formulated The fact that the courts routinely assessed a value in claims for the death of a child was not a logical barrier to the courts' concluding in the value of the child's existence would always exceed any costs that might be incurred in bringing him

Public Health Trust v Brown (1980) 388 So 2d 1984), it had rightly been said that the intan-gible but all-important, incalulable but invaluable, "benefits of parenthood far outweigh any of the mere monetary burdens

In Cockrum v Baumgartner ((1983) 477 NE 2d 385 III) it had been held: 'In a proper hierarchy of values the benefit of life should not be outweighed by the expenses of supporting it. Respect for life and the rights proceeding from it are at the heart of our legal system and, broader still, our civilisation. That principle excluded all claims for patrimonial loss.

The choice had to be between allowing no recovery at all, or allowing recovery in full on the basis that the benefits, being of a different order of value, should simply be left out of account.

However, the latter approach was contrary to the principle that the purpose of damages was to effect restitutio in integrum, so far as money could. That could not be achieved if the parents received the benefits of both the damages and

Nor was it a complete answer to sny that the benefits of the child's existence lay in the world of emotion and were therefore im-measurable, for the child brought the contingent benefit of financial support in later life. In any event even if that

cy could be disregarded, it would be wrong to disregard the benefits of the child's existence. Counsel for the pursuers had not sought to deny that the existence of the child had brought and would continue to bring them love, trappi-ness and society.

In those circumstances, his

Lordship was of the opinion that the case should be decided on the principle that the privilege of being parent was immeasurable in netary terms; that the benefits of parenthood transcended any patrimonial loss, if it might be so regarded, that the parents might incur in consequence of their child's existence, and that therefor the pursuers could not be said to be in an overall position of loss.

His Lordship had not followed what he understood to be the

present position in English law, nor had he followed the views expressed in Allan v Greater Glasgow Health Board (Outer House, unreported, November 25, Emen concerned a child who

suffered from congenital abnormalities and could be distin annormanies and could be disim-guished. To the extent that his Lordship differed from the ap-proach indicated by Emeh, Thake and other English decisions, and by Allan, he did so on the central point as to the value to be placed on the child's existence.

If it had been appropriate or necessary to decide the case on policy grounds, his Lordship would have had some sympathy with the argument for the defenders. It was true that the law no longer upheld the sanctity of life as an absolute value. Coursel for the

a case such as the present one that pursuers had pointed out that there was official support for the prevention of the birth of un

wanted children. However, the law had not The central problem in every

The correct principle was that reached the stage where family
action of the present kind was the value of a child should be held relationships and the worth of a which it was indifferent. If his Lordship were right, a principle of law that affirmed that the existence of a child could be an actionable

loss to his parents would seem to conflict with those values... Even if that view would not be universally shared nowadays, there were more expedient reasons against claims such as the present. seemly that a child might later learn not only that his birth was the consequence of negligence, but that his parents had raised an have preferred that he had not

Even if his Lordship was wrong in holding that the entire claim was irrelevant, the claim for the costs of the child's upbringing was In any event irrelevant Their disallowance avoided the distasteful, and to his Lordships

deciding by how much they were to be offset by the value of the child's Their allowance would open the door to a limitless range of claims related to every aspect of family life: for example, a house exten-sion, a larger family car, or private

mind ultimately futile, exercise of

Allan pointed the way. In that case evidence had been led of the cost of the five-year-old child's future wedding, but the claim had been excluded on the basis that, more alia, the ion the basis that, inter alia, the joy to the plaintiff of seeing her daughter happily married and the prospert of having ried and the prospert of having more grandchildren as well as a son-in-law as additions to the family should extinguish any linancial costs associate with the

That would seem to have been an equally cogent answer to the principal claim. Allan seemed also to have left out of account the fact that the father of the child had refused to pay anything for her

Such cases illustrated that in England damages for the upbring-ing of a child were greater the more affluent and ambitious were the parents. In Thake the claim was upheld on supplementary benefit scales on the view that the child had been horn into "a humble household". In Benarr Kenering Health Board (1988) 138 NLJ 179) private-school fees were

awarded Since a claim for costs of upbringing, if admitted was based on actual loss, his Lordship was not persuaded that the contrast in those results could be moderate by the imposition of a principle of easonableness, as was suggested

if recovery was related at all to the parents' life-styles and aspirations, such contrasts would be inevitable. In his Lordship's view, it was wrong in principle that the parents loss should be considered greater where they themselves would have all the added satisfactions that resulted from the opportunities that their affluence gave to the child.

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Finals: Carr's Milling Industries, Sidlaw Group. Economic statistics: UK October producer prices.

TOMORROW

Interims: Amersham International, Business Post Group, Chamberlin & Hill, DCC, General Accident (Q3), Independent Parts Group, Jupiter Extra Income Trust, Marshalls, Sedgwick Group, Sims Food Group, Vosper Thornycroft, WT Foods.

Finals: Allied Domeco, Capital Radio, Scottish Value Trust, Wardle Storeys. Economic statistics: French October preliminary consumer prices index, UK September construction new orders.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Borthwicks, Commercial Union (Q3), Ham-bros, Land Securities, Volex, Willis Corroon (Q3), Young & Co's Brewery. Finals: ABI Leisure, Cirqual, James Dickie. Fenner

Holdings.
Economic statistics: UK BRC retail sales survey, UK October unemployment, UK September average earnings and unit wage costs, UK September monthly monetary meeting minutes, US October producer

THURSDAY

Interims: Appleby Westward Group, Bank of Ireland, British Telecommunications, LM Ericsson (Q3), Kleinwort High Income Trust, Maid (Q3), Portsmouth & Sunderland, Oxford Instruments, PowerGen, Property Partnerships, Quintain Estates & Development, Scapa Group, Shanks & McEwan, South West Water, Telegraph (Q3). Finals: Action Computer.

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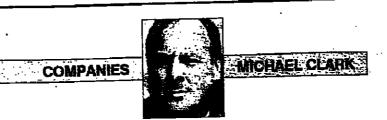
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FRIDAY

Interims: Black Arrow Group, Cox Insurance Holdings, Honda Motor Company, Plasmon, Railtrack Group, Symonds. Finals: B

als: British Assets Trust. Maiedie Investments. Economic statistics: UK CBI/BSL regional trends survey, US October industrial production, US October capacity utilisation.

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BT's top operator on the line

BT: The group will be back in the news again this week, hard on the heels of its £12 billion acquisition of MCI, with the announcement of its second-quarter figures on Thursday. They are unlikely to contain many surprises, with most brokers looking for a drop in pre-tax profits.

NatWest Securities, the broker, has pencilled in a figure of £680 million. This would compare with E732 million for the same time last year. It would correspond with a decrease of 7 per

cent in earnings per share to 7.1p.
Once again attention will be focused on the dividend. The group has already forecast dividends for the year of 19.85p. This excludes the special dividend of 35p being paid at the year end, regardless of whether or not the MCI deal goes through.

On the trading front, profits will have been hit by the timing of redundancy costs. However, even after stripping out these effects. the group's performance will be flat. Volume growth of 6 per cent will be offset by price cuts and the loss of market share. Any increase in revenue is likely to come from mobile services, new services, and international activities.

POWERGEN: It is hoped that stronger pool prices and in-creased demand will have gone some way to offset any dilution stemming from the sale of two power stations to Eastern. A drop in pre-tax profits of about 7 per cent to £124 million is envisaged when the group unveils half-year figures on Thursday. Earnings per share, in fact, should be marginally ahead at 13.7p after the recent buyback of 10 per cent of its own shares.

The figures will include an exceptional profit of £69 million relating to the sale of its shares in Midlands Electricity and the National Grid after the abortive bid for the former.

Brokers are looking for a rise of lp to 7.5p in the dividend and are confident that the group can sustain growth of 15 per cent a year over the next few years.

BAA: First-half results from the airport operator usually account for the bulk of group profits. Traffic during the period is expected to have grown about 3 per cent, amounting to 29 million passengers. But with a tough pricing policy of RPI-I per cent in



place, revenue growth is likely to have risen only 2 per cent. Halfyear figures published later today are likely to show pre-tax profits up from £285 million to £303 million, with earnings per share growing 7 per cent to 22.1p.

The real boost will come from a 9.5 per cent increase in retail income to £324 million after a 6 per cent rise in that income per passenger. Property revenues will be up, but profit from property disposals is likely to fall short of the figure last time.

BRITISH STEEL: A sharp drop in profits is on the cards when the group unveils half-year results this morning. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, is looking for £275 million at the pre-tax

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level, compared with £550 million for the corresponding priod. A lot will depend on the exchange rate reduction in costs. between the pound and the mark. In spite of the current strength of sterling, the period under review

impact on revenues. On a positive note, steel prices in Europe have been edging ahead mainly through reductions in rebates. British Steel appears to be holding prices against the Europeans to protect its profitable domestic market. This will some way towards offsetting the impact of a stronger pound.

is likely to have seen an adverse

RAILTRACK: Half-year figures on Friday will be the first since the group was privatised in May. As a result, these figures are

unlikely to give an accurate view of the group's progress although they are expected to reflect a

Pre-tax profits are expected to be up from £89 million to between £145 million and £155 million. Revenue growth is likely to be flat, although there will be some improvement in the revenues from passenger franchises.

Earnings growth will be not be as pronounced as profits growth, with UBS, the broker, forecasting a 17 per cent increase to 26p per share. This it attributes to the absence of last year's tax credit.

ALLIED DOMECQ: The group is expected to dismiss suggestions tomorrow, when it unveils fullyear figures, that it plans a

demerger of the group's activities. This will be in spite of a disappointing set of figures, reflecting the effect of further restructuring. Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, is believed to have decided any advantages are

outweighed by the cost. Pre-tax profits will be down from £645 million to £566 million with earnings per share showing an even steeper decline from 38.2p to 32.8p. A cut in the payout from 21.6p to 24.1p is in prospect. The spirits division will have struggled to make headway, with a decline in profits of about 13 per cent at the operating level. Retailing should have managed to hold its head above water.

SOUTH WEST WATER: The City will be anxious to learn about the long-term strategy of the group after its reprieve from the bids of rivals Severn Trent and Wessex, courtesy of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Pre-tax profits are likely to have grown by £14 million to £68 million with the growth in earnings per share about 17 per cent at 47p. A 20 per cent rise in the interim payout to 11.8p has already been forecast by the group. The cost of defending itself from the two bids may have been as high as £4 million.

LAND SECURITIES: A minimal increase in rental income and a near 10 per cent rise in the net interest charge is likely to result in a small decline in profitability at the halfway stage. Pre-tax profits are expected to be about 5 per cent down at £113 million, with earnings showing a similar decline to 15.9p per share.

COMMERCIAL UNION: A drop in underwriting results should lead to a 10 per cent decline in operating profits to £345 million when third-quarter figures are unveiled on Wednesday. The situation might have been worse had it not been for an improvement in France and a stronger performance from its

GENERAL ACCIDENT: Thirdquarter results tomorrow will have been buffeted by severe weather in North America producing a high number of claims. This will have led to a decline in operating profits from £350 million to £308 million.

Focus falls on inflation

with the City currently obsessed with the threat of further rate increases, the inflation figures for October, which are released on Thursday, will be the focus of attention this week. A larger than expected upward rise will only increase the pressure on the Chancellor to raise interest rates again before the election.

MMS International, the economic analyst, predicts that the RPI headline figure will jump from 21 per cent to 25 per cent, while the Government's preferred mea-sure of RPIX — which excludes mortgage repayments — is expected to increase from 29 per cent to 3 per cent, well above the target figure of 2.5 per cent.

Factory gate inflation figures, which are published today, will also be scrutinised carefully to see if there are any signs of output price inflation, which has been relatively subdued in recent months, feeding through to the high street. MMS predicts a monthly rise of 0.2 per cent to take the annual rate up slightly to 2.3 per

An increase in earnings growth and unit wage costs data, which is published on Wednesday, would also suggest inflationary pressures are growing. MMS predicts that average earnings for September will fall slightly to 3.75 per cent, while unit wages will rise from 4.5 per cent to 4.8 per cent. Also on Wednesday, unemployment figures are expected to show a continuing downward trend, with a fall of 20,000 predicted in October.

In the US, inflation has been proving less of an immediate threat and consumer price inflation figures published on Thursday are expected to remain flat for October at 0.3 per cent. Retail sales figures, also released on Thursday, are expected to show a gain to 0.7 per cent, although October production figures, published tomorrow, are predicted to show a small fall — excluding food and energy category - to 0.1 per cent growth. With last week's elections preserving the status quo, the market believes that the Federal Reserve Bank is unlikely to take any immediate action when it holds its monetary meeting on Wednesday.

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The Sunday Times: Buy Babcock International; Ibstock; WS Atkins; Morgan Sindall; Hold British Steel; Sell Glaxo Wellcome. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Hogg Robinson; Celsis International; Rubicon; Unilever, Premiere Group. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Regalian; Electronics Boutique; Hold Crown Products. Independent ion: Sunday: Buy UNO: St Ives; Marks & Spencer; Sell Pilkington; Vickers.

Fund chiefs wary of Japanese stocks UK FUND managers are becoming increasingly wary of investing in Japanese stocks, according to a survey conducted by Merrill Lynch and Gallup (Alasdair Murray writes). Merrill found that bulls exceeded

bears among fund managers by 9 per cent in November compared with 23 per cent in October. As a result, buyers only just outnumbered sellers. Merrill said this was the closest UK-based managers been improving, with the number of have been to selling Japan since 1992. sellers now only just outweighing buyers have been to selling Japan since 1992. The survey also found that negative sentiment among fund managers had spread to Pacific Basin equities after

interest rate rises in the regions. UK fund managers are now net sellers of Pacific Basin equities, which include Hong Kong, for only the second time since 1990. Attitudes toward US equities have

after a heavy self-off in the past few months. Fund managers also remain strong buyers of European stocks and are strongly expecting interest rates to rise in the UK in the next year.

Gallup interviewed senior managers from 74 institutions, handling funds totalling £1,775 billion, for the survey.

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THE THOROUGHBRED BANK.

Future of Thomson tour arm on hold until MMC reports

By Marianne Curphey

Bruce Jones, leisure analyst

with Merrill Lynch, said: The

inquiry means Thomson Cor-

poration is now less likely to

make any decision on the

holiday division in the near

that the real sticking point

between the OFT and the

holiday companies was over

commission and brochure

racking, and not over display-

ing signs in travel agents

explaining vertical integration

Both companies would have

greed to make the relation-

ship between their shops and

tour operations clearer, but

steadfastly refused to give in to

to customers.

Meanwhile, it has emerged

PLANS to float or sell off Thomson Holidays, Britain's largest tour operator, are likely to be put on hold for at least a year until the outcome of the Monopolles and Mergers Commission inquiry is operators, travel agencies and

The holiday company's parent. The Thomson Corporation, of Canada, has looked at hiving off its tour operating business in order to concentrate on building up its media

Although the sale has been widely rumoured in the City. brokers believe that the uncertainty that is surrounding the investigation will scupper any move for the next 12

Thomson and Airtours, its rival, control between them 50 per cent of the £7 billion overseas package holiday market in the UK, and were referred on Thursday to the MMC for alleged anti-com-

petitive practices The referral followed an

investigation, which has rates that they charge and the lasted more than a year, by the prominence that they give to Office of Fair Trading into vertical integration - the their own holiday brochures in travel shoos. owning by a few giant com-panies of their own tour

One industry source said: The two companies were not prepared to have the OFT nterfere with how they ran day level." uncertainty surrounding the

Since the MMC is not likely to report for 12 months, Thornson and Airtours's winter '96 and summer '97 trade will be

Merrill Lynch is forecasting full-year pre-tax profit of £80 million, compared with £59 million last year, when Airtours reports next month. and £17 million, compared with £L3 million last year, for First Choice.

Airtours shares recovered 84p to 670p by the close of business on Friday having fallen 595p after the referral. The City was comforted by the 29.6 per cent stake held by



Ha'penny Bridge will continue to feature on the itinerary of many visitors to Dublin

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Ireland unites on tourist drive

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

IRELAND will this morning be repackaged as a tourist destination, with the authorities on both sides of the border combining to launch a sophisticated marketing exercise to 'brand" the product.

The multimillion-pound campaign — being unveiled over a traditional Irish fried hreakfast in Dublin - is expected to give a further boost to an already thriving industry. Last year tourism in the Republic alone attracted more than four million people, who spent some Ir£1.3 billion.

The cross-border marketing venture to reposition Ireland as a tourist destination is the brainchild of Noel Toolan, an Irishman who began his marketing career with Procter & Gamble and went on to help to fashion the hugely successful promotion of Bailey's Irish

Cream. Less than two years ago Bord Failte, the Irish to Dublin and told him to forge a new image for the Northern Ireland's

Mr Toolan and his team have kept the details of the marketing drive under wraps. but sources close to the campaign say that it could become a model for tourist authorities elsewhere.

The groundwork was done by research groups who spent 18 months carrying out detailed surveys around the Ireland. Many still cling to a 1950s notion of Ireland, replete with turf-laden donkeys on isolated Connemara hogs, and family outings to the hayfield

Institutions stabilise the market

By Fraser Nelson

INSTITUTIONAL investors are stabilising the Alternative Investment Market, according to traders at Winterflood Securities, the junior exchange's principal market-

Stephen Roberts, one of the stockbroker's AIM dealers, says institutional demand for AIM stocks has increased steadily over recent months. This, he says, is smoothing the violent price jerks that have become the market's unwelcome trademark.

Also, the money raised by new AIM issues broke through the £800 million barrier this week, after Beaufort, a management consultancy. raised £595,000 from placing its shares at 3p. They now stand at 4p. Electronic Retail Systems, which makes digital supermarket shelf price tags. closed 7p up on the week, at gave further hope that its prod-

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uct could catch on worldwide. Brockbank closed 50p easier at 470p, after rumours of a boardroom split. The phoenixlike recovery of Memory Corp's shares was halted midweek, as profit-taking forced them 175p cheaper at 725p. Network Technology was 31-p better, at 1602p, in anticipation of good results this week. The company has developed devices that allow fax data to

be sent via the Internet. The FT-SE AIM index eased by 5.3 points over the week, closing at 1.019.70.

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Getty strikes it rich in photograph library

GETTY Communications, the oned that only two million out fast growing media group headed by a member of the famous Getty family, whose wealth was founded on oil, has uncovered a store of 50,000 photographs hidden away in the archive of the former BBC picture library, Hulton Deutsch, which it bought for just EB6 million

earlier this year. The library, called Fox Commercial Photos, had not been exploited by Hulton. It includes such famous photographs as the young Damon Hill in a tov car, watched by his father, Graham, and shots of Neville Chamberlain on his return from Munich brandishing the (amous letter "signed by Herr Hitler" and of St Paul's Cathe-

Geny, which is headed by Mark Cietty, is now selling these photographs for commercial use, charging up to \$2,000 a time for reprinting.

Jonathan Klein, the former merchant hanker who is Mr Getty's partner in the UKhased but Nasdaq-listed company, said that the Fox Library held a large collection of highly commercial stock footage. The Fox collection has the advantage of the people in the photos having signed release forms waiving their rights over reprint payments. This means the photos can be used many times without us being chased by models demanding large payments," he said.

Cietty is in the midst of conducting an audit of the 12 million photos in the Hulton collection, now renamed Hulton Getty. The library is made up of more than 300 individual collections of photos, many of which had never been fully catalogued. Mr Klein said that he reck-

of the collection would be usable for commerical exploitation, and the company is in the process of digitising the images so that they can be distributed more easily. This is a slow process; about 80,000 pictures have been digitised so far, with a target of

250,000 by this time next year. The remaining photographs include many of historic or aesthetic interest, and Getty is close to agreeing a joint venture to open a London gallery that will host a permanent exhibition and sell individual reprints of photographs.
Other galleries will

opened across the UK and in the US. Europe and Japan. Getty is also expected to mount a major exhibition of Hulton pictures in the next vear or so.

Neville Chamberlain, asset of Getty Communications

Hinchliffe sells soccer stake

By Jason Nisse

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE. whose collapsed Facia empire is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, has sold his shares in Sheffield United fnotball club, the Nationwide league first division team, for El million.

The deal paves the way for a reverse takeover of the club by Cunrad, the leisure group. which will value it at about £10 The intention is also to raise

another (10 million to turn United's stadium, at Bramhall Lane, into a 40,000-seat ground and to develop a 17acre site around the stadium. The shares have been pur-

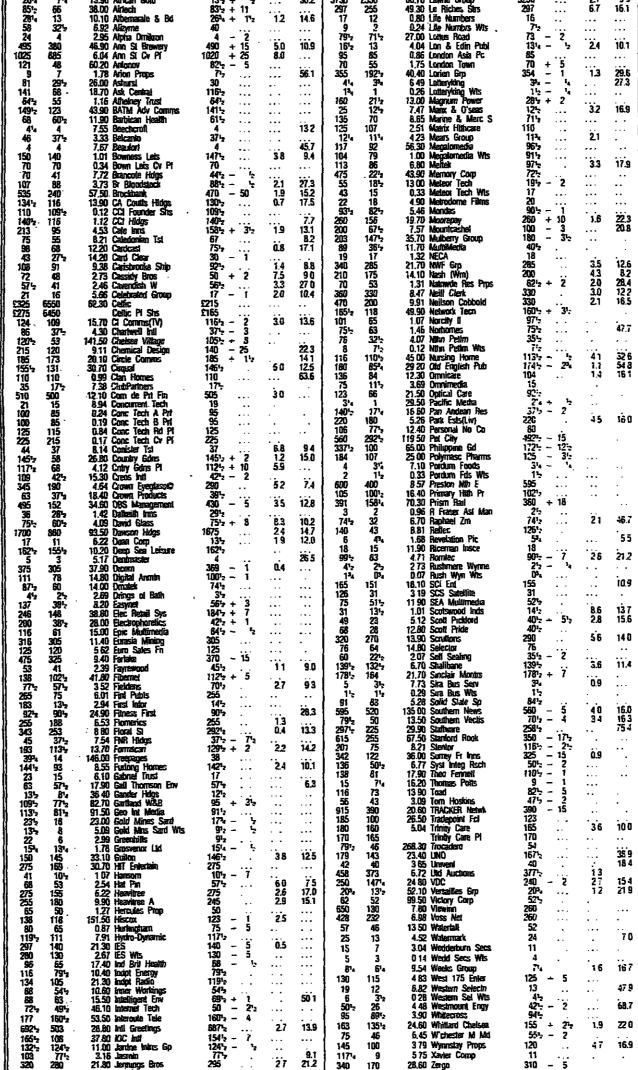
chased by Mike McDonald. the Manchester businessman who became chairman of the club last year, after a complex three way deal involving the adminstrators of part of the Facia empire.

Price Waterhouse, the accountancy firm that is in control of the shoe businesses owned by Mr Hinchliffe, is suing the controversial Sheffield businessman for more than 530 million and has taken out an injunction freez-

ing his assets.
The accountancy firm had to give its approval to the sale of the shares and it is believed that the money paid by Mr McDonald is going into a separate account until the legal issues have been.

Mr Hinchliffe's holding in the club had been a blocking issue to the deal because of the impending actions being brought by the Department of Trade and Industry to have him disqualified as a director. These relate to companies that he ran and which collapsed

three years ago. Umil recently, Mr Hinchliffe was deputy chairman of United, but he stepped down from that post earlier this year, resigning from the board in the summer.



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NAPF call to target employers

BY ROBERT MILLER

BRITAIN'S largest company pension schemes are to press the two main political parties to do more to encourage employers to offer retirement provision at a top-level London conference tomorrow.

Tom Ross, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). whose members manage more than £350 billion of pension assets, is to urge both John Denham, the Shadow Social Security Minister, and Lord Mackay of Ardbreknish, the Social Security Minister, to help to stop the decline in the number of companies offering pensions to their employers when MPs attend the one-day NAPF autumn conference.

Between tomorrow's conference and the NAPF's annual get-together in Harrogate next year there will have been a general election and the come into full force. Mr Ross said that, with both political parties now committed to the view that people will have to make nore personal provision for their retirement, the NAPF and its members have a vital role to play.

Other speakers at tomorrow's conference include John Hayes, the chairman of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority, the new statutory pensions watchdog.

Rachel Bridge looks at a bold expansion plan Down Under

Gas partners aim for the super-league

processing gas.
Situated at the extreme far edge of the Western Australian outback, the huge glinting steel pipe structures cut a surreal pose against the red earth and the blue sky. Soon it could look even

stranger. For more than 15 years after the idea was first dreamt up, the North West shelf project, in which BP has a one sixth share, is finally about to enter the international super-league with an expansion plan to turn it into one of the world's leading players in liquefied natural gas (LGN).

The project's six equal part-ners, which include Shell, Chevron, Woodside Petro-leum. BHP and Japan Australia LNG, have invested about A\$12 billion in the venture and them to provide another A\$1 billion apiece. Expansion of the project would add two new LNG processing trains to its existing three trains, a move that would almost double annual production to 14.5 million tonnes.

It is a bold move, especially since the ride so far has not

began in 1984 the project has suffered several expensive setbacks, notably when the legs of its North Rankin oil platform sank into the seabed. More seriously, a sustained fall in the price of oil — and therefore LNG — has resulted in much lower than expected returns for the partners, with returns averaging around 5 per cent in the early Nineties.

There are however, good reasons to press on. The project is supported by eight key the Toyko Electric Power Company. Toyko Gas Company, and Osaka Gas Company, which buy most of the current LNG production and will take up most of the expanded output under 20-year contracts. Then there is the lure of the fast growing South-East Asian market, where liquefied natural gas is in much demand.

mand is tipped to soar from 50 million tonnes at present to up to 80 million tonnes by the year 2003, with Japan expected to be joined by Korea. Taiwan and even China as buyers. Woodside Petroleum, the project operator, said: "All the projections point to gas as being the preferred fuel for the 21st century, particularly for

power generation." Mario Traviati, oil analyst at James Capel, added: There is a project to service Asia and it is a lot easier and cheaper to expand projects that are al-ready in operation."

For Australia the magic of LNG is that, unlike gas in its natural state, supply is not constrained by the ability to build a pipeline. Once the gas is cooled to minus 161 degrees celsius it reduces to one sixhundredth of its gaseous volume and can be transported by ship. At its destination, it is simply reheated to turn it back into gas.

The North West shelf project itself is also looking a

lot healthier. Total sales revenues of pipeline gas to the domestic market and LNG to the export markets are expected to reach A\$3 billion this year. Gordon Ramsay, ANZ McCaughan oil analyst, says there has been a big improve-ment in efficiency that has seen the plant's capacity creep up from six million tonnes to 7.5 million tonnes without major alterations. He said: Over time, this project will stand out globally as being one of the most efficent. It is starting to bear the fruit of



The project's giant glinting steel pipe structures present a surreal pose against the red earth and the blue sky

doing very well. There is a lot

With all six partners committed to the expansion of the project - and with Woodside's recent confirmation that there are enough gas reserves to satisfy the future demands of the eight Japanese customers

- all that is needed now for is for those eight to sign on the

So far the signs are extremepositive. Earlier this year the Japanese utilities signed a letter of indication and last month the project partners submitted a formal proposal indicating that the project had reserves of about 35 trillion

cubic feet of gas.

There is, however, one big issue to be resolved by the North West shelf partners,

the as yet undeveloped nearby Gorgon oilfield, in which some, but not all of them have

Chevron, which has a stake in both, has made no secret of its desire to join the two to form a huge resources venture, even suggesting recently that the Shell's A\$6 billion expansion proposal should be replaced by A\$10 million codevelopment plan that would add three new processing

John Powell, Chevron's gen-

and that is what to do about

project, said: "There is a big enough prize out there for both of the venturers. All that needs to be resolved is the money

issue." keen on the idea and Shell in particular, which also has a stake in both projects, has been publicly unenthusiastic about letting Mobil, its major international competitor which has an interest in Gorgon, into the shelf LNG

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar

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FT 30 share 6219.83 (+206.90) FTSE 100 3910.8 (-37.7) **New York Dow Jones** Tokyo Nikkei Avge 21201.04 (+567.98)

Answers from page 39

(a) To do with lambasting. From the use of the fennel-stalk in Roman times, a cane, rod or other instrument of punishment. From the Latin ferula giant fennel, a rod. "The ferular is an instrument used by school-masters to correct their scholars."

(c) Security, peace, a place of protection, a sanctuary. From the Old English grio a domicile or home. In the plural truce, peace or pardon. "Charles availing himself of the law of grith or sanctuary, went down to Holyrood."

(b) Native lead sulphite, the common lead ore. From the Latin word, applied by Pliny to lead at a certain stage in the process of smelting. Commonly, but perhaps erroneously, identified with the Greek gulfing a calm. "A specimen of gaiena lead ore was found in a small stream which runs into the Quair."

(c) Resembling Gratho or his proceedings: ie parasitical, toad-cafing, sucking up, brown-nosed. A mythical eponymn from the Greek Gnatho, from gnathos a jaw. "That Jack's is somewhat a gnathonic and parasitic soul, or stomach, all Bideford apple-women know."

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Brokers say Crest at fault for 12-day pay delays

Aprims settlement committee.

said this was making it impos-

sible for brokers to automate

their messages to Crest "Our

systems are programmed to

expect certain events. At the

moment, we are having to

trigger everything manually." Pershing Securities, a clear-

ing broker that deals with

Crest on behalf of smaller

stockbrokers, has been experi-

encing serious difficulties with

delays on gening replies from

messages to Crest. It has had

to reprogram software, blam-

ing Crest's insufficient capaci-

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rapidly at the end of October.

capacity was the problem,

saying background software

At last week's meeting, it

demutualised insurers and

building societies, which have

hage shareholder bases. Cressoo last week delayed the

introduction of about ten FT-

SE 100 stocks to give the

system breathing space. But there are fears that the intro-

even worse hinches.

nen few weeks, it said.

But Crestco denied that

TEETHING troubles with Crest, the City's automated share settlement system, have left stockbrokers waiting up to 12 working days for payment on trades that should have been settled within five.

Last Thursday, the Associ-ation of Private Client Investment Managers & Stock-brokers (Apcims) met Crest representatives to try to reduce the pressure on brokers caused by electronic settlement delays.

The head of one stockbroking firm complained that, in two cases, the money for a sale made on October 21 was only transferred on November 6-a wait of 12 working days. Two other trades took ten days.

The standard settlement perind is five days, known as T+5. Stockbrokers will generally pay the client their money within this period, even if they have not received it themselves. But Crestoo says that, al-

though it is not entirely blameless, late settlements are generally the fault of stockbrokers failing to use the system faults were the cause. They properly. Paul Symons, a should be ironed out in the spokesman, said: "They are almost entitely due to education and system problems in the brokers' offices." was accepted on both sides

One difficulty stems from prokers having to contact Crest

Small firms miss out on export possibilities

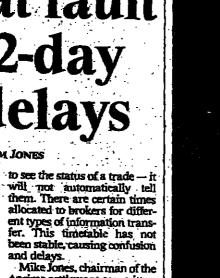
By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SMALLER companies are missing export opportunities through jack of awareness of the ansistance available or undesutilisation of that support. Out of 3.6 million small and (A) 000 regularly export their gends, according to a report

published today by the Confederation of British Industry. The survey found that many inexperienced exporters did not know about some schemes to help exporting and that seasoned exporters felt there was a lack of advice to improve performance overseas.

But the study puts some of the blame on organisers of support services, such as business link partnerships and the Covernment, because of inflexibility. It says that needs cliange with experience of exparting, but that support programmes tend not to differentiate between varying needs.

Tony Bunner, chairman of the CBI's small and medium enterprises council, said: "We need to create an environment in which SMEs automatically consider exporting as an inteand part of their growth



Antonio Carluccio, right, the television chef, with Michael Norris, the chief executive of Hewitts Farm who will become a paper millionaire

new issues. Parkwood Hold-

ings, which provides a range

of facilities for local govern-

ments, is hoping to raise up to £6 million when it floats on the

Greycoat rejects approach

By MARITN WALLER

GREYCOAT, the property company under attack from rebel shareholders, has rejected an informal approach from another property business, Moorfield Estates.

that a stable timetable for Michael Beckett, chairbrokers to send messages to the system was a priority. man of Greycoat, said last Other Aprims recommendanight that his company tions include that Crestco had no plans to take the should consider keeping the system open at weekends. outline proposal from Moorfield any further.

While the delays put enormous pressures on the back offices of stockbroking firms, Greycoat is being urged by UK Active Value Fund, the shareholder pressure group with 11 per cent of clients are generally unaffected, said Finola Healy, of Pro-Share, the body that lobbies the company, to liquidate its £500 million property for wider share ownership.

Crest now handles 571 securities. Many stocks are still to be transferred, including portfolio.

Moorfield, a fast growing but smaller business, has been attracted to the situation and has made outline takeover proposals of its own.

Mr Beckett said that alks with Moorfield talks would not be continued because the proposals were vague as to value" and did

'Pick-your-own' farm to market

GOURMET mushrooms are coming to the market through The company started as a 'pick-your-own" farm in Kent. the flotation of Hewitts Farm, which now runs at over 77 which is raising £1.35 million acres. With the money raised, in a bid to upgrade its farm to it plans to produce over 39 mass-production capacity. tonnes per year. It joins a stream of other

Crazy George's 'sales'

The company will be valued at £4 million when it joins the Ofex market, making Michael Nortis, its chief executive, into a paper millionaire. He owns a 25 per cent stake.

France to investigate

inquiry into Crazy George's -

the rent-to-own store owned

by Thorn - only days after the

whether Crazy George's com-

plies with consumer protec-

By Alasdair Murray leading advertising by de-FRANCE is to launch an scribing deals on its goods as 'sales" when in reality the store is offering rental con-

first French store opened in tracts with a purchase option. The opening of Crazy George's has been greeted Jean Arthuis, Finance Minister, said yesterday that he with a storm of criticism in had asked the official consum-France with political leaders er watchdog to investigate and charities criticising Thorn for "exploiting poverty". The blow to Thorn which has been trumpeting France as a big M Arthuis gave warning deemed guilty of using missuch as Crazy George's.

Crown Lesiure, the gaming

machine operator, is expected to be valued at up to £20 million when it joins the official list next month. It hopes to raise up to £7 million.

main exchange next month, It

has been servicing various

government contracts for sev-

en years and wider facilities

which will be used to reduce gearing and buy more fruit machines and video games. Sanctury Music Produc-tions, which jointly owns record labels and other man-

management in the private agement facilities for the music industry, has also applied to join the Alternative Investment Market.

AIM report, page 43

Capital Radio poised to buy restaurant firm

CAPITAL RADIO is expected to join the restaurant trade tomorrow with the £50 million purchase of My Kinda Town, which owns brands such as the Chicago Pizza Pie

Factory and Henry J Beans. Capital, which owns radio licences in Birmingham, London and southern England, has already teamed up with My Kinda Town to develop a 300-seat music-theme "Radio Cafe" due to open in London

Richard Eyre, chief execu- 20 per cent, to £30 million.

tive of Capital, has made no secret of its wish to grow into broader leisure business. The My Kinda Town link is seen as a way to promote Cap-

ital's brand among the radio station's core young audience. My Kinda Town operates 53 restaurants, mainly in London. Its shares stand at 167p. valuing it at £42 million. Capital has a market value of £435 million and is cash positive. Capital is expected tomorrow

Discounting blamed for slow growth

Heavy price discounting is hitting the profits and sales growth of UK companies, according to a survey from Trade Indemnity, the credit

insurance company.

The company's policyholders said that tight competitive conditions had persisted in the third quarter of the year. The average amount of long overdue debt reported by its mem-bers hit record highs of £228,000 over the quarter, with France overtaking Italy as the worst country for seri-

ous late payment.

Companies from Yorkshire and Humberside reported the strongest activity growth, and those in Northen Ireland reported growth in spite of the renewed troubles. The survey concluded that there is widespread expectation of an improvement in the last three months of the year.

LSE looks at privacy

Privacy and the cross-selling of products after the recent link-ups between Tesco and NatWest and J Sainsbury and the Bank of Scotland is expected to be a key issue at a London conference today organised by the computer security research arm of the London School of Economics.

James Backhouse, the director of the LSE's computer security department which has organised The Limits of Outsourcing conference, says people are concerned that personal information about their spending habits and lifestyle is being collated and used as a sales aid.

BAA prepared

BAA, which announces interim results today, has established a tax-free retail business, World Duty Free, to take over various contracts at British airports currently held by Nuance, formerly Allders International, that come to an end next year. BAA has 5 per cent of the world duty and taxfree retailing market, worth \$20 billion a year. Companies, page 42

BP success

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BP Chemicals, part of British Petroleum, has been named by the Oman Government as partner in a \$900 million petrochemicals complex. The

Allied Domecq chief set to dash City's demerger hopes



Hogg: reviewed business

ALLIED DOMECQ, the drinks Tomorrow's announcement, and retailing group, is set to disappoint the City tomorrow by dismissing plans to demerge the twin parts of the business. Speculation to that end has, for most of this year, supported the Allied share price, which ended last week near a five-month high, at 484'2 p.
The speculation was boosted

by the appointment in the spring of Sir Christopher Hogg as chairman. Sir Christopher had been responsible for the earlier demerger of Courtaulds, the textiles concern.

coinciding with Allied's interim results, is expected to send the shares lower again. It is believed that, after a review of the business. Sir Christopher has concluded that demerger

No explicit rejection of demerger proposals is expected, but Sir Christopher will make clear that Allied plans to continue to develop its spirits and retail activities in tandem.

would be too costly to justify in

relation to possible return.

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ndex-linked gilts (particularly shorter-maturity bonds) are popular with private investors. because they incorporate a large element of tax-free capital gain. We expect to see growing interest in the sector in the next few months, for several reasons. The general election, funding policy and overseas market developments will all affect index-linked. These factors will be benign before the election, but will turn against the sector after it.

The first two factors helping indexed bonds are connected with the sector's status as a "safe haven" from inflationary pressures, which undermine real yields in conventional bonds. The first is the current acceleration of inflation (partly caused by higher oil prices), which we see as only temporary. The Bank of England, in last week's Inflation Report, gave warning that inflation could rise above 3 per cent in the next month or two; this is true - the underlying rate (excluding mortgages) is likely to hit 3 per cent this week, and hover around this level for the first quarter of 1997. Thereafter, we believe, sterling's contin-ued strength will help to reduce

Being conventional is the best bet once election is over

inflation through the rest of 1997. We disagree with the Bank's forecast that sterling's strength is only temporary; apart from a reasonably firm inflationary policy under a Labour government, overseas funds will continue to support the pound after the election, through increasing EMU speculation.

The second inflationary concern likely to afflict bond markets will occur as the election approaches. Although an outright Labour victory is the likeliest outcome, a hung parliament is not out of the question. As UK markets grow nervous about this possibility, the indexlinked area may be seen as a sort of "safe haven" - a hedge against the failure of any party to establish an overall majority, and against the risk of economic rectitude taking a back seat to staying in power. There is a third reason for the GILT-EDGED

index-linked sector to do well in early 1997, relative to conventional bonds, though it owes little to fundamental analysis of value. Although index-linked gilts have been available in the UK since the early 1980s, few other countries have issued similar instruments. However, in January 1997, the first US index-linked bonds will be auctioned. The US intends a regular quarterly series of auctions; from a global standpoint, therefore, the supply of indexed securities is set to rise quickly. This is not a problem in the early months - indeed, the novelty value and desirability of US index-linked is likely to send prices high, with a knock-on benefit to the UK sector. However, once the initial

rush recedes, demand for this type of bond should become quickly sated, resulting in a downward correction to prices later in the year.

To this surfeit of US supply in 1997, we must add UK index-linked funding, which is also likely to be a cause for concern. Current policy is to make about 15 per cent of gilt issuance per year in the index-linked sector. The rate for the 1996-97 financial year has been running somewhat above this, though, at nearer 20 per cent; the ease with which this has been achieved could lead to a higher target percentage being assigned next year. The chance of UK index-linked auctions starting in 1997-98 cannot be ruled out the authorities may wish to build up a sizeable "benchmark" bond in the sector, which, in time, would be available for stripping — allowing the trading of the bond's

cash flows individually (this will be allowed for some conventional gifts for the first time next year).

Finally, the long-term comparison between conventional and indexlinked yields is unfavourable to the latter. The break-even inflation rate between long-dated bonds in the conventional and index-linked sectors (the inflation rate that would be needed for returns on index-linked to equal those on conventionals) is currently more than 4 per cent for free-of-tax investors such as pension funds; as we see little chance of inflation rising to that level in the foreseeable future, many of these funds should be slanting their holdings towards conventional gilts next year.

In summary, although there is scope for index-linked bonds to do well on a view to the end of the year, and even to hold up better than conventionals in a weak start to 1997, we have reservations about the performance of the sector in the long term. The conventional market will be a better bet after the election.

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1967: BMC merges with Jaguar, including Daimler. Rover, including

Land Rover, merces with

PADIS-CHOICE

Clueless and ' priceless

I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. Radio 4, 6.30pm.

Given the right components, anarchy can become an art form. An excellent example of this is I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. A new series of these priceless "antidotes to the panel game" (their own description, and itself an anarchic proclamation of their aims and objects) began last Sanurlay and note a description repeat tonight. The city with the and used an anarchic proclamation of their aims and objects) began last Saturday and gets a deserved repeat tonight. The city with the good fortune to supply the audience is Liverpool. No changes have been made in its choice of chairman, Humphrey Lyttelton, its four players whose rames are too familiar to list here, and its ivoriestickler. Colin Sell, Had anybody come up with the mad idea of dimping sympose from the learn there would have been the danger dropping someone from the team, there would have been the danger of a national insurrection

Lady Chatterley's Confessions. Radio 4, 10.45pm.

Elaine Feinstein picks up the chronicles of Connie and Mellors pretty well where Lawrence left off. The former gamekeeper is living in a farmer's cottage in Derbyshire. But not for long, it seems. Connie's thoughts are turning to Tuscany. What else is new? There's a little daughter called Emily, her sex was undetermined when Lawrence laid down his pen, Mellors has had his divorce. Episode one has no sex scene. Episode two makes amends for this omission. There are sex scene. Episode two makes amends for this omission. There are touches of Lawrentian colouring: "Smuts on the spring flowers" is one of them. And Connie is her own storyteller. The voice belongs to

Steering Rover in new direction

1952: Austin and Morris,

hich owns MG, Riley and

Wolseley, merge to create British Motor Corporation

Kevin Eason examines the prospects for a collection of Britain's

best-known marques now that BMW has taken the driving seat

Towers like a right hook from Evander Holyfield. His jaw dropped, he blinked, then stared in disbelief. Towers had spent ten years turning a shambolic wreck of a company into something identifiable as the Rover Group, with its maroon and cream livery and proud Viking ship badge.

Yet Rover is the wrong name for the wrong company at the wrong time and in the wrong market place, according to Robin Wight, an advertising guru called in by BMW. A corporate badge which suggests a history as provider of the doctor's car, the relaxed limousine, was too confusing for a business which made everything from the Mini to a £60,000 Range Rover.

Perhaps a name such as British Motor Holdings might be better, suggested Wight.

Except that this would take Rover full circle: in 1952, the company we now know as Rover set out on its tortuous journey through the decades when Austin and Morris merged to form the British Motor Corporation, Then there was British Leyland and BL... and finally, in 1986, Rover.

Towers. Rover's former

chairman, headed the team which turned a motley collection of badges and factories into the sleek, advertising-Rover, with its friendly upmarket logos and aspirations of elegant British understatement. The transformation was so good that BMW, Europe's most

successful carmaker, was impressed long enough to spend £800 million acquiring the British group in 1994. In truth, BMW, which had long wanted to develop a four-wheel drive vehicle of its own, only wanted Land Rover, the remarkably successful division making what are universally regarded as the best off-roaders in the

But Bernd Pischetsrieder. BMW's chairman, had a soft spot for Rover: his uncle was Sir Alec Issigonis, inventor of the Mini, and the romantic chairman remembered all those glorious names from the past: Riley, Triumph, Wolseley, Austin, Morris, Standard ...

And then he took over the company and discovered the problems which will dog Rover into the next century. Here was a business making as many cars as BMW, but split so many ways it could never be profitable nor efficient in the

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the accounts set out below:

long term without radical change. History has not been kind to Rover, as a comparison between the two stablemates shows. BMW effectively makes one saloon in three sizes, with variations for estates and coupés, a sports car, made in the USA, and a grand touter, each model shares engines. gearboxes, electronics and interior components. The company image is clear and defined: BMW is high-technology engineering; BMW makes a driv-

Rover is a distillation of

er's cars.

almost a dozen badges over four decades which means it now makes ten different models, from the 38-year-old Mini to the Range Rover, each using different chassis, a collection of engines and gearboxes and an assortment of parts in shapes and sizes to meet each different model range. The company image is a matter of some debate because it ranges from the cute Mini to the rugged Land Rover, the executive Rover 800 to the fun Rover 200. BMW was so confused it called in Wight, chairman of WCRS, which has devised

BMW advertising for the past 17 years. His assessment of Rover's image was stark and shocked Rover's management. as viewers can see in the second episode of When Rover met BMW, BBC's fly-on-the-wall documentary, tomorrow night. Wight said yesterday: "Rover has a very strong brand image and the name clearly should mean relaxed motoring where BMW means driving and high technology. But that cannot apply across such a broad range of cars because of the confusion it creates. Is a Mini really the same as a Rover or an MG? These brands need to be defined and that is a huge

ohn Towers knew that he just didn't want to hear it. Maybe he, and many of his team, were too close to a company which was like a drunk they picked up by its hoctstraps and set on the road to sobriety. Their near dedication to the brand left no room for question — and their new masters at BMW only had

debate inside the company."

questions. Towers left Rover when BMW made it increasingly clear it wanted to control and radically change Rover's destiny, appointing first Wolfgang Reitzle, BMW designer and Pischetsrieder's right-hand man, as chairman and then Walter Hasselkus, a long-time BMW insider, as chief executive. In too came Tom Purves, trusted managing director of

1961: Leyland buys 1977: British Leyland Motor Holdings becomes BL Suggestion that 1968: Leyland and **British Motor** BMC merge into Holdings British Leyland Motor Holdings, world's fifth largest carmaker 1986: Rover's partfolio of badges: - - Triumph --Austin-Healev Land Rover . .~._. ~.

ROVER'S CHANGES OF GEAR

BMW in Britain, to head Rover's sales. A clean sweep for BMW: and clean vision for the

The new team starts with no preconceptions and has no debt to the past, except to the array of badges it has inherited probably one of the most coveted and revered collection of names under one roof in a car company anywhere in the world. Pischetsrieder was aware of that from day one when he announced the takeover, and then wistfully wondered whether the business

might ever make a Riley again. Rover's old management team smiled benignly as they might with a naughty child: after all, they said, who remembers Rileys? The boss did and he remembered Austin-Healey and Triumph - and the result of the brainstorming by men like Wight, now a consultant to the Royer board, is that many of those badges are likely to return. Whether the Rover corporate name stays or goes is irrelevant. What will happen swiftly though is a segmentation of the Rover line-up into a series of new divisions which will give each model a specific brand and identity

The 16-year-old Rover 100, better known as the Metro, will last another year, if it is lucky, to be dumped so assembly lines can be cleared for the launch of a new Mini. That car will not be branded Rover but Mini only and be the start of a new family of upmarket small cars.

nd MG will remain the sports car division, although there Lis conjecture over whether the brand should not also have sporting saloons added to the range, a little like the old Magnette or Maestro. which were badge-engineered versions of existing saloons and hatchbacks. That new stable could include models like the

Rover 200. Austin-Healey seems certain to make a comeback with a hairy-chested sports car while Triumph also looks set for a

comeback in some form, its both in Britain and the US, where BMW wants a Rover's return by the end of the decade. Land Rover is the only division which is untouchable as the most profitable part of the group and the one tagged for rapid expansion with the launch of the new "baby"

vehicle next year. The name of Rover, still readily recognised, particularly in Britain and increasingly abroad, is expected to stay but attached to a range of elegant saloons which uphold the values of the brand established years ago when Rovers were the cars you drove if you couldn't afford a Jaguar. However. BMW is more ambitious than that and a replacement for the Rover 600 is scheduled to be a model which will have Jaguar's new small saloon firmly in its sights. It will be elegant, powerful and swish: above all, it will be a Rover.

□ When Rover met BMW, tomorrow, BBC2, 9.30pm.

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Korsakov (Capriccio Espagnol)

3.45 Volces. Cheltenham Festival recital given by soprano Joan Rodgers and pianist Malcolm Martineau (r)

4.30 The Jezzin' Violin. Jean Luc Ponty made jazz violin a

contemplative, almost madieval instrument, while in America Billie Bang gave it a gritty social realism.

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THE TIMES



Touchline role for PR outfit

CITIGATE Seotland, the Edinburgh PR firm that includes Kwik-Fit among its prime accounts, has been called in to help one of its home city's football clubs. By complete coincidence.

Tom Farmer, the Kwik-Fit

boss, has a major interest in Hibernian, and has financed its new North Stand, Robin Dunseath, deputy chairman of Citigate Scotland, says We have been unofficial advisers to Hibs for several months. But the board, determined to improve the club's rapport with supporters, has hired us on a permanent basis." Dunseath is perhaps better known for inventing haggis hurling. a pseudo-Scottish sport, to promote a

A FULL-PAGE advertisement for Aldi brings to light a very interesting facet of those customers who shop at the German-owned discount store. The sales pitch for a "top quality" computer at a cost of more than ESOO close to £1,000 if you add a printer - carries a significant caveat. "Remember. cash only, no cheques or credit cards,"

Opening doors

EVEN when you're the owner of a London hotel, it's not always easy to find a bed for the night. Pity Hugh Corbett. founder of the Tup pub chain, who spends most of his week at the Redeliffe Hotel. On returning from a serious drinking session recently, the incorrigible Corbett searched in vain for sourceful as ever, he settled down for the night in the hotel corridor, after gratefully accepting a couple of pillows from a concerned and considcrate guest. Not long after the incident, when Mrs Corbett was in town, he lost his keys again: on this occasion, with the help of a heavy fire extinguisher, he was forced to break down the bedroom

Market in facts

CITY teams from BZW and Prebon Yamane, to name but two. will lock horns tomorrow night for the ultimate Spreadbet challenge. The general knowledge game, launched by City Index, the spread betting company, plays on the participants' penchant for gambling. Based on spread betting,

the markets on obscure facts. with other players then having to back their judgment by buying or selling the market maker's quote.

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ing Harvey Nicks Midforties, she worked for Harrods, and then the Burton Group. Mary was the marketing director, sweetle, joined in 89, and revamped Harvey Nicks, top to toe. When she arrived, it was the place to get your tiara polished, or somewhere to buy a kilt; no Mac counter, no sushi bar. Can you imagine?. She's off to set up her own consultancy. Fabulous. Yellow Door, darling, that's its name. Pass the Bolly.

know? Mary Portas is leav-

MORAG PRESTON

RADIO 4 6.30 Pm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
See Choice (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme.
Derek Cooper explores the lood of Leicester. Britain's most Asian city (r)
7.45 Monday Play: The Member of the Wedding, by Carson McCutlers. Frankle Addams is twelve and five-staths years old, and desperate to belong Wift Bizz Yoder, Matthew Givens and Jenny Jules.
Directed by Chris Wallace
9.15 Irish Loons: Our Lady (7/7)
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59
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5.55am Shipping Forecast (1.W)
6.00 News Briefing 6.10
Farming Today 6.25 Prayer
for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40
Who Goes Home 8.58
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9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week
With Brends Maddox,
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Gould, Susan Blackmore and
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10.00 News; The Seven Deadly
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Owen Dudley Edwards on the
catastrophic consequences of being rice (5/7)
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10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Money Box 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Heritage Outz12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The

Archers (f) 1.35 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Saint Overboard. Leslie Chartens's square-jawed hero pursues blondes, baddies and boodle in the

baddies and boodle in the Europe of the 1820s. With Paul Rilys. Patsy Kensit and Charles Simpson. Directed by Matthew Waters (1/3) (r)

3.00 The Atternoon Shift. Laurie Taylor tunes into some office gossp to see if it is time-wasting or constructive

4.00 News

4.05 Kateldoscope. Lynne Walker reads a new biography of the choreographer Sir Frederick Astiton

4.45 Short Story: Remembrance Day, by Katle Campbell.

Day, by Katie Campbell. Read by Barbara Barnes 5.00 PM 5.00 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Six O'Clock News

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Theoretically at least, it's hip to be squared

To prizes for guessing what Tom Stoppard watched last night. Given the alternatives of The Royal Variety Performance and Heartheat, we can be confident that Britain's greatest living playwright, authorof Arcadia, the play that put the theatre into Fermat and his Theorem, will have opted for Equinor.

What's in a Number? (Channel 4). He will not have been alone. My new colleague Melvyn Bragg, aiming to Start the Week on an ever higher plane; Peter Greena-way, checking he got the plot of Drowning By Numbers right; and Douglas Adams, confirming that the answer to life, the Universe and everything really was 42, will all have been watching, united along with all you other polymaths - by that great truth of the late second millennium: that mathematics is the new rock'n'roll. Arithma-chic has arrived. This new passion for things

truth but an even greater paradox. For while the number of people who love the idea of mathematics grows with each north London party, the number of people who can actually do it diminishes much faster. It's the Stoppard Conundrum. As a dejected Roger Penrose, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford and purveyor of powerful imagery, put it: "It's very frustrating — you have found something very beautiful and you can't tell anybody."

That said, Edmund Coulthard, producer and director of this delightful film, had a damn good try. The fact that I only got as far as is not his fault. The square root of minus one ("i") was where my moderate mathematical career ground to a halt 20 years ago. But at least now I know that this was the fault of my parents, who failed to pass on the genetic blueprint for that part of the parietal lobe dealing with imaginary numbers. Same reason I'm not a concert pianist, apparently,

The genetic basis for mathemati-cal ability was a clever place for Coulthard to start, for it gave those that needed it the perfect excuse for - while marvelling at their brilliance - not always following what his experts were saying.

ot our fault, we muttered as we struggled to decipher first the accent of the brothers Chudnovsky and then their possible motives for calculating x to eight billion decimal

"Some numbers are more equal than others and m falls into that category," said Gregory . . . or was it David? I stuck with some numbers being longer than others and moved on. The origin of zero was past; the Final Theory. "the theory of everything, the network of infinite geometry" promised by A NOVEMBER 1

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Descartes 377 years ago beckoned. We didn't get there, of course. But if we could just get our string theory untangled.

Sure, Coulthard's film was derivative. The surreal set, complete with small girls in party frocks clutching numbered balloons, was pure Greenaway, while the poetry and quotations were just the sort of thing Stoppard's tutor would have recited to his young charge in film clip. But the plundering was worthwhile. An immensely difficult subject had been rendered infinitely watchable.

By one of those quirks of quantum mechanics that allows a highly energised critic to be in two places at once, I can tell Stoppard et al what they missed by neglecting The Royal Variety Performance (BBCl). What they missed was a show of infinite length but almost infinitesimal jest - what laughs there were coming mainly from the imported Americans, Joan Rivers (whose theme of second wives must have caused the Prince of Wales a few anxious

moments) and Jackie Mason. Victor Borge provided an unexected moment of crossover - for just as mathematics only became interesting when they discovered the irrational numbers that fall into the cracks between ordinary numbers, so the piano, according

Arcadia. As for Adams, he got a to Borge, only became interesting when someone invented the cracks between the notes. Up until then it had been very boring, particularly during piano recitals. Goodness knows how many times Borge, now 88, has told that joke. But with Bob Monkhouse dragging up Feargal Sharkey and Jim David-son resurrecting Eddie the Eagle. he was clearly among friends.

> nd so too were we on A Saturday night with Kiss and Tell (ITV), or Our Friends in the South Midlands as it looked like being for several minutes. There was Daniel Craig. last seen as the drink-sozzled Geordie in Peter Flannery's epic tale of Newcastle life. There too was David Bradley, last seen playing Eddie Wells, the justabout-acceptable face of Tyneside nolities, in the same. And wasn't that Gina McKee?

Actually, no it wasn't. Turned

quite like McKee but even more like a seriously-fringed Demi Moore. Rowell was Jude Sawyer, an undercover policewoman who would stop at nothing to get her baddle — absolutely nothing. I groaned when I realised that a major theme of Heidi Thomas's aptly named thriller was going to be entrapment. Borrowing so freefrom a real, recent and very much unsolved murder case could hardly be considered creative.

But Thomas just about got away with it, producing a script that contained enough twists and turns for real life to be forgotten. although perhaps not quite enough to fill the allotted two

Still, the cast was excellent, the direction energetic and the interior paint finishes (no psychological thriller is currently complete without the use of strong colour) were vinyl matt. Or was it eggshell?

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Joe's increasingly tormented behaviour (Coelax) (s) (9817) 8.30 VETS' SCHOOL After I've years of studying, the students take their finals (Coelex) (s) (8324)

weather (4091) 9.30 PANORAMA Su Pennington reports on the increase in young British women

involved in violent chime (Ceetax) (464140) 10.10 BILLY CONNOLLY'S WORLD TOUR

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The Great War remembered (7.00pm)

1914-18 The first of a sevenpart series charting the First World War through the words of those who lived through it (s) (726904) 7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER 1956 (b/w) (784362)

HORIZON: ALIENS FROM 8.00 MARS (Ceelax) (a) (496072) 8.50 GARDENERS WORLD TAKE TWO Kittsgate Court in Gloucestershire (Ceetex) (s) (527324) 9.00 MURDER MOST HORRED starring

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9.30 MEMORITHE CROW ROAD (2/4)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceetax) (39140)

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11.15 SOHO STORIES The community braces
iself for the start of Euro 96 (s) (828879)

12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (74744) 12.30 mm-6.00 THE LEARNING ZONE: O U: PEADING THE LANDSCAPE (64760) 1,30 ENGLAND'S GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND (31102) 2.00 TEACHING TODAY/SEX EDUCATION (25725) 4.00 ITALIA 2000 (26367) 4.30

1914-18 BBC2, 7.00pm

Marking Armistice Day is the start of this comprehensive and comprehensible view of the Great War, that bloody watershed which divided the old order from the new. It wiped out nine million people and swept away old dynasties and social orders for ever. The first programme analyses the key personalities and looks at the cultural, social and political backdrop to the outbreak of the war. It examines the growth of imperial militarism. socialism and the suffrage movement and outlines the tensions that threatened to boil over into social revolution but instead erupted into war. Reflecting the high production values are the top-notch actors, headed by Judi Dench as narrator, who read and good use of archive material make this a lucid and rich piece of work. A series it is impossible to praise too highly.

BBC2, 8.00pm

Last August, in the middle of the silly season. the media were sent a gift from the gods. A group of Nasa scientists held a press conference to announce that they had found evidence that life once existed on Mars. From the fragments of meteorite ALH80041 they had isolated carbonate structures which they believed to be fossilised bacterial life forms. But whether these worm like shapes were ever alive is debatable. The cases for and against are logically argued but what is clear is that the scientists are desperate to prove the alien life is, or rather was, a reality. In pursuit of more evidence, Nasa is shortly to launch a series of robot explorers to bring back more samples. One for X-Files fans, space oddities and those who believe some scientists will see what they want to see.

Secret Lives Channel 49.00pm

Despite the fact that Errol Flynn new series exploring icons of the 20th century. The Tasmanian-born actor/adven-turer packed more into his 50 years than all his fictional roles put together. He made and lost fortunes, romanced innumerable women, drank himself to idiocy and readily admitted all manner of bad-boy behaviour. Except, that is, the statutory rape of two under-age females for which he was famously tried and acquitted. One of those women, Betty Hansen, testifies on film for the first time, as does his last amour, Beverley Aadland, who was only 15 when they first met. More meat is provided by the rumours of his cowardice and Nazi links and by footage of the Flynn film William Tell. In

BBC2, 9.30pm

After last week's opening episode when the McHoan family, its oddball characters, its tensions and mysteries were introduced, comes this second chapter which moves the plot nicely along. Prentice McHoan (the doe-eyed Joe McFadden), suffering all the agonies of young adulthood, continues to try to dig out the secrets of his family and, in the process, discover the secrets of the Universe. Instead he succeeds only in digging a very deep ditch for himself. Bryan Elsley has superbly adapted Iain Banks's novel to the screen, blending flashbacks, imaginary conversations and Prentice's narration with parched humour and a carmy eye for a cliffhanger. Swinging easily from farce to tragedy and covering the bits in between, this drama sparkles like lurex through DEFEATING DISEASE (12589) 5.00 PATHWAYS TO CARE (57164) 5.30 Frances Lass

1.00 6.00am GMTV (81445)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (Teletext) (s) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2337966)

10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (s) (77879) 10.30 THIS MORNING (24339072) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4105121) 12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (4271091)

12.55 OUR HOUSE (4256782) 1.25 CORONATION STREET (f) (Teletext) (7152343) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY (Teletext) (s) (57304492) 2.25 CROSS WTTS (Teletext) (s) (57314879) 3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4239985)

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7.00 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (Teletext)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Sam gets an interesting offer from Sean Skinner



Sandy Gall in Alghanistan (8.00pm)

8.00 WORLD IN ACTION Sandy Gali returns to Alghanistan to see how the funda-mentalist Talebar army has changed the country (Teletexty (s) (4985)

8.30 SHARMAN Sharman is tricked by the police into hardling a murder weapon, so he has to agree to help them bust a drugs gang or tace a possible 15-year jail sentence (Teletext) (s) (66695) 10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (84459)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (444256)

10.40 FILM: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) Cornedy set on a college campus in the early 1960s, locusing on the escapades of partygoers With John Relishi Tim Matheson and John Vernon. plus many famous names in their film debuts. Directed by John Landis ("eletext) (86468614)

12.40amBUSHELL ON THE BOX (7644980) 1.15 THE CRIME HOUR (704473) 2.15 JONES AND JURY (1272305) 2.40 FILM: THE TWILIGHT AVENGERS

(450299) 4.15 SOUND BITES (48629831) 4.30 THE TIME... THE PLACE (27265) 5.00 THE ENTERTAINERS (84218) 5.30 NEWS (79299)

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12.00 RIGHT TO REPLY (r) (s) (74072) 12.30pm LIFT OFF (1) (42594) 1.00 SESAME STREET (92099) 2.00 JOE MCDOAKES (57335362)

2.25 FILM: Helicats of the Navy (b/w, 1957) Second World War drama starring Ronald Reagan as a submarine commander. Also with Nancy Davis. Directed by Nathan Juran (Teletext) (627701)

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6.00 MOVIEWATCH Four young review give their opinions on the latest film releases (s) (237)

6.30 HOLLYOAKS (Teletext) (s) (817) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (444898) 7.55 THE SLOT (754121)

8.00 SHORT STORIES: Murder Trial Following the various crime reporters who covered the trial of the murdered French hitch-hiker Cèline Figard last month (Teletext) (2527)

8.30 THE REAL HOLIDAY SHOW Reports from the Greek island of Thassos, Dorset and the Maldives (Teletext) (\$1 (4362)



The secret life of Errol Flynn (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE SECRET LIVES: Errol Flynn (Teletext) (s) (5072) 10.00 HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET — Justice Jake becomes a prime suspectwhen his father's killer is murdered (2'2) (Teletext) (5459)

11,00 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH Gridinon action introduced by 12.20am TRANS WORLD SPORT (3680218)

1.20 LET THE BLOOD RUN FREE Parn and Warren discover their love for each other (r) (s) (9635812) 1.50 THE ANT WHO LOVED A GIRL. Animation (1355928)

1.55 Fil.M: Santa Fe Trail ib.w. 1940) with graduate sent to end the activities of abolitionist John Brown. Directed by Michael Curtiz (811270) Ends at 3.55 4.00 SCHOOLS: Making Sense of Science

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Gas partners aim for the super-league



MONDAY NOVEMBER II 1996

BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Court likely to reject limit on back VAT

IN A landmark case that could cost the Exchequer as much as £5 billion, the High Court is expected to rule this week that Customs & Excise has acted illegally in refusing to pay out claims for back-dated VAT extending beyond

The judicial review of Customs' powers, which involves two separate claims for back VAT, starts tomorrow, with a ruling anticipated by Thursday morning. If Customs & Excise loses, the immediate payout could exceed £100 million, and further claims are in

the pipeline. The VAT Tribunal has said at previous hearings that it disapproved of the Customs' action but did not have the power to force repayments. Legal experts say the main issue is not whether Customs

UNISON, the UK's biggest

union, will today mount a pre-emptive strike against

the Government over the

working-time directive by

threatening legal action for

Unison is to challenge the Government's failure to es-

tablish the directive in a

move that comes just before

tomorrow's ruling from

Rodney Bickerstaffe, gen-

eral secretary, will issue a

petition to the European

Parliament on November 23

- the date the directive is

intended to be implemented - on behalf of those mem-

bers who will lose out. A

spokeswoman for Unison

Brussels on the directive.

non-implementation.

whether the court has the authority to force it to reverse its actions. If the court does have the power, and all future claims succeed, the bill for the Exchequer could be £5 billion.
The issue at stake is the

controversial ruling to set a cut-off date for claims for back VAT to just three years before the demand is presented. This means that if a business has been wrongly paying VAT for a decade, seven years of this will not be recoverable.

However, Customs & Excise is allowed to claim unpaid VAT for up to six years. In one case involving British Telecom, Customs is claiming six years' back VAT from one part of BT, while another part. which is due a VAT refund. can only reclaim three years of identical payments.

said it was confident of

The directive, agreed in

1993 and appealed against

by Britain. sets a maximum

working week of 48 hours

with rest periods every six

hours, a minimum daily rest

of 11 hours, one day off a week and four weeks' paid

The Government views

the working-time rule as a

bid by Brussels to circum-

vent the opt-out that Britain

secured from the social

chapter of workers' rights in

the Maastricht treaty. After

Tuesday's ruling, Britain

could choose not to incorpo-

rate the directive into

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Unison acts on

48-hour week

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

and will only come before the Commons on November 27. Mr Heathcoat-Amory, who extend beyond three years.

because Customs has lost a number of large actions, including those on car leasing and promotion schemes by consumer goods companies, which were expected to lead to VAT repayments estimated by some to be as high as £25 billion, although a more rea-sonable estimate is in the

Peter Jenkins, the national

said: "It would be silly for us to pay back money which we would then have to take the time and effort to recover

The VAT group of the big six accounting firms is to launch a protest against the new law to tie in with this week's hearing. The group is lobbying MPs to reject the legislation because of its unfair nature.

An action to the European Court of Justice is expected to be launched as soon as the law comes into force, although this is likely to take 18 months before there is a ruling.

deadlines into effect was announced in Parliament by David Heathcoat-Amory, the then Postmaster General, on July 18. However, the Act has yet to be passed by Parliament

resigned in September, said that the Act would be retro-spective and, since July 18, Customs has been refusing to make back payments that

The law bringing these

The law has been brought in

region of £5 billion.

The Customs' action is being challenged by the Federation of Opthalmic and Dispensing Opticians and by GUS and Kay, the mail order groups. The value of these two actions is estimated by Customs to be just £25 million but is put at more than E100 million by advisers to the two

VAT partner of the accountant Ernst & Young, said: "Customs have no statutory authority to refuse claims, only the promise of retrospective legislation." A spokesman for Customs

East Midlands

may face US bid

Adair Turner unmasks the findings of the latest CBI poll today, as well as the mask he painted as part of a celebrity fundraising effort for The Prince's Trust Businesses expect single currency to go ahead By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S business leaders forecast for the first time yesterday that Europe will definitely introduce a single currency, even as they announced new evidence showing industry in the UK still divided over economic and monetary union.

The statement by Britain's principal business leaders that. regardless of doubts within industry and in government about a single currency. Europe will go ahead comes in advance of a campaign to inform companies about the "eventuality" of economic and monetary union (EMU).

Both business and Conservative Euro-sceptics will be angered by the declared judgement of leaders of the Confederation of British Industry that a single currency is coming across Europe. They are likely to see it as a covert

necessary clearance from its

local regulatory authorities to

make an offer. The company indicated last week it would

not offer "substantially" high-

er than a price of 608p a share.

and debate last night was

thought to be over how much

higher it was prepared to go.

Meetings were also taking

place at the company's mer-chant bank, SBC Warburg.

bids, this would leave just two

of the 12 regional electricity

companies in England and Wales never having attracted a takeover offer. Seven have

been taken over, four by

American utilities, and an

eighth. Northern, is the sub-

lf, as expected, Dominior-

per cent of firms supported the attempt by pro-European big business to bring pressure to UK's membership of the EU, bear on ministers and comwith only 8 per cent in favour panies to accept EMU. However, Sir Colin Marof withdrawal.

However, business is less shall, president of the CBI and clear on EMU, with 56 per chairman of British Airways, cent supporting the principle of Britain's participation in a was unequivocal. Asked by The Times whether the CBI single currency, while 30 per expected Europe to introduce cent are opposed. The poll a single currency, Sir Colin said: Is a single currency comes a day before the ruling tomorrow by the European going to happen? Yes." Speaking before the open-ing today of the CBI's annual

Court of Justice on Britain's legal challenge to the EU directive introducing a 48-hour limit on the working week.

Adair Turner, CBI Directorconference in Harrogate, Sir Colin said: "It's pretty obvious that the political will in main-General, said: "There is signifiland Europe is very definitely cant support in business for the idea that we should go ahead with EMU, at some time." there to establish monetary union and achieve a single currency — whether Britain is a part of it or not." Business also heavily backed the Government's opt-out from the EU social chapter.

Smaller firms' woes, page 45

Bidders chosen for BBC disposal

By ERIC REGULY

AT LEAST four contenders, including Securicor and a a shortlist of bidders for the BBC transmission service,

to be privatised next month. The transmission system has a £210 million book value and strong interest could raise its price. Lehman Brothers, the Wall Street investment bank advising the BBC, has asked for final bids by the end of the month. The BBC expects to announce the winner

before the end of the year. The other finalists are NTL, the former transmission arm of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and now owned by International CableTel, a US-controlled ca-

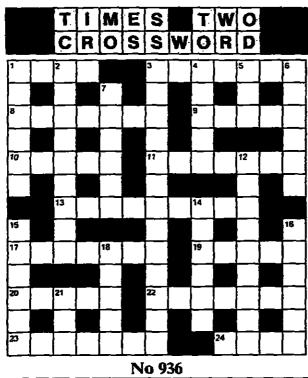
ble company, and an Ameri-

can wireless communications group whose name has not been revealed. If NTL wins, it will have a

monopoly on terrestrial television transmissions and control most radio transmissions. However, Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, said last month that NTL should not necessarily be excluded from bidding.

Securicor, the security group, wants the system to bolster its mobile-phone networks: Securion operates private networks for police. Mercury Asset Management is backing the BBC transmission service managers.

The BBC will use sale proceeds to help to set up digital broadcasting and to fund programming.



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By MARTIN WALLER A SECOND American-backfor a price much closer to £7 a ed contested takeover bid in Dominion already has the

the British electricity sector could arrive as soon as this morning from Dominion Resources, of Virginia, which was forced last week to disclose an interest in bidding for

East Midlands Electricity. The Americans are thought to have decided in principle to mount a bid, and a board meeting in Richmond, Virginia. last night was putting the final touches to their plans. These could include a "dawn raid" on the stock market aimed at scooping up a strate-

gic holding.

Reports at the weeked suggested a bid for East Midlands at about 630p a share, against a closing price on Friday of 5934 p. This would put a price on the company of £1.25 billion. But the board, chaired by Sir Nigel Rudd, one of Brit-

£759 million takeover threat from CalEnergy, of Nebraska.

is understood to be considering

the sale for as much as £200

million of its power supply

business as a way of funding a

bonus payout to shareholders

to encourage them to reject the

Several potential buyers are thought to have expressed an interest before the US bid a

fortnight ago, including the

neighbouring water and pow-er company. United Utilities. and Scottish Hydro-Electric.

One stumbling block to the

plan, however, is the near-30 per cent stake in Northern held by CalEnergy.

bid (Martin Waller writes).

ject of a contested offer from another American business. East Midlands' share price is ain's most experienced indus-rialists, is likely to hold out expected to rise this morning in anticipation of an approach.

Sale tactic IN BUSINESS considered TOMORROW NORTHERN Electric, under



ANATOLE KALETSKY surveys the fall-out on financial markets after Bill Clinton's victory in the American election

Granada to sell hotels separately

In the CBI poll, carried out by MORI, of some 1,700

companies around Britain, 87

Granada, the leisure com-pany, is understood to have decided to sell off the 17 hotels in the Exclusive chain on an individual basis to maximise

the price. The book value of the hotels is £780 million, but Granada could pull in up to £900 million from a series of sepa-rate disposals. The company has also received clearance from the Inland Revenue for exemption from capital gains tax by selling the hotels in this

manner.
The fiercest bidding war has been for the Hyde Park Hotel in central London, with interested parties understood to include two relatives of the Sultan of Brunei and TCC, the That hotels company. Offers are in the region of about £80

Job insecurity of managers Britain's managers largely

doubt they will be better off over the next year in a clear sign that the economic "feelgood" factor has yet to return to UK companies, new evidence suggests today. The findings of the survey by the Institute of Management show a clear swing in support towards Labour among managers and have them broadly divided over whether the economy generally will improve in the next 12 months.

Polling a sample of 400 members, the institute shows today that as many as 59 per cent of managers do not feel they will be financially better off during the next 12 months, a key factor being job insecurity.

Roger Young, the institute's director-general, said managers were "sceptical about growth feeding through to boost personal well-being".

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office work while inquiries are

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and NCOs who supervised the

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training.
The military police are in-

vestigating the case to see if

abuse in the US Navy.

Republicans begin hunt for leader who can win

REPUBLICANS have started to tackle the glaring question of why they saddled themselves with such a poor presi-dential candidate as Bob Dole - and of who his successor

Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader now described as "the most powerful Republi-can in Washington", denied "yesterday that he was already considering running in 2000, but added: "You're going to have a cavalry charge; a

However, the search for a new leader will highlight the gaping ideological splits in the party. As party adviser John McLaughlin argued to Newsneek: "It's no accident that we've lost two presidential elections since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Foreign policy was the one thing that united

all parts of the base." Republicans control Congress and most of the counhave seen huge inroads forced

into their strongholds.

The policy lessons of Bill Clinton's victory are clear. One senior Republican adviser said: "We now know that Newt Gingrich and the Contract with America and pretty well any hint of revolution are a turn-off, particularly with women. These little, bitty things that Clinton's come up - the Internet, extra hospital nights for new moth-

more than we thought." At the same time, Republicans need to rethink the seniority system which pro-duces candidates long on experience, money and influence but short on charisma. As Rich Bond, a former party chairman, put it: "We're kind of a royalist party. We always go with the heir-apparent. The party was lucky that this tradition gave it the popular

and charismatic Ronald

Reagan; more often, it has got

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dull fixers such as Gerald Ford, George Bush and Bob

But at least these institutional figures stitched together the underlying divisions. As the party turns to the next generation, they will gape open. On social policy, it is split between the religious Right and the moderate country-club set. On economic questions, tax-cutsupply-siders are at war with balanced-budget fans, while protectionists battle with free-traders.

The Christian Coalition, the highly organised body which treats politics as a jihad, dominates the primary elections to select the presidential candidate. The risk is that the primaries will throw up a nominee who is repellant to mainstream America.

The party also suffers from a shortage of contenders in the age group below Mr Dole. Among established names, one towers above the rest

Colin Powell. His liberal stance on abortion and affirmative action for minorities might offend the far Right. But surveys repeatedly show that he is the only big name capable of attracting many Democrats. The snag is he may again decide not to run.

Others are household names but stand little chance. Mr Gingrich's fate as Speaker of the House is in the balance, so great a liability was his radical reputation in the campaign. Jack Kemp, the vicepresidential candidate, blew his chance in the 90-minute televised debate with Al Gore by a belligerent, incoherent performance. The electorate also found his beloved tax-cut plans dubious.

Others, less prominent, may be better placed. The party is not short of money, but it lacks fresh talent and a unifying philosophy Until it solves those problems, it may be



Maoris carry the Zulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi ashore at Lake Rotorua in New Zealand for a world indigenous Christian peoples' conference

'Boring' Clinton gets talk show apology nonsense" for the next four years, called

BY BRONWEN MADDOX

PRESIDENT: CLINTON yesterday got an on-air apology for being called a bore by David Brinkley, the political commentator. Mr Brinkley's popular programme This Week, which ended yesterday after 15 years, attracted unusual attention because of the host's post-election attack

Mr Brinkley said on air last week that oters could expect more "goddamned

the President's Tuesday night speech "one of the worst things I've ever heard". and declared Mr Clinton was "a bore".

In his programme yesterday, the host told the President that his remarks were both impolite and unfair, and I'm sorry and I regret it". Mr Clinton accepted the apology, saying: "I've said a lot of things myself late at night when tired." He added that Mr Brinkley's remarks had made Vice-President Al Gore, who is frequently accused of woodenness, "very

The President used the show yesterday to call for Republican help on the thorniest problems facing the new Administration. And he said that he did not intend to give former business colleagues charged with wrongdoing "any special preference". Pressed on which policy he would put above all others, he said passing a budget which would open the doors of college to all Americans.

Aids victims count cost of staying alive

AIDS sufferers have a new worry - what if, against all expectations, they survive? They have spent their money. sold their homes, made their wills, said goodbye to their friends. Now, thanks to new drugs, they may have two or three decades more to live.

The unexpected turn in the disease, which has killed a rd of a million in America alone, is due to a combinations of drugs that have succeeded in reducing levels of HIV in the blood to undetectable

Andrew Sullivan, the former editor of the New Republic political magazine, argued yesterday in The New York Times: "A diagnosis of HIV infection ... no longer signifies death. It merely signifies illness.

Hope that the Aids death sentence may be lifting has been brought about by pro-tease inhibitors, which came on the market just under a

year ago. According to Mr Sullivan, who has known he was HIV-positive since 1993 and who is taking the drugs. the short-term side-effects include nausea, diarrhoea and constant fatigue. Long-term effects and success rates are unknown.

The drugs have, however, generated a wave of first-hand accounts by Aids sufferers astonished to be alive. On Friday David Sanford, the editor of the front page of The Wall Street Journal, used his newspaper to tell his story. "I had blown my mother's estate. about \$180,000, on living for the moment, eating in the best restaurants and taking three or four foreign vacations a year. I was determined to go out in style.

Mr Sanford, who believes he was infected by HIV in 1982, said he was getting so plump that his doctor had told him to go on a diet; he is also trying to repair his finances.

the base had a history of sexual harassment. Women who left the training camp in past years will be interviewed and asked if sexual abuse was the reason for their abandoning an Army career.

Yesterday there were indications that the Aberdeen affair could become a political issue. An editorial article in The New York Times acknowledged that the Army had acted with speed to improve the scrutiny of training operations, but said that "it must make sure that if senior officers at Aberdeen condoned the abuses, they too are held accountable". A Democrat member of

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Congress, Patricia Schroeder. said that the Army operated a "wink-wink" policy on sexual harassment, Lawrence Korb, a former Pentagon official, said: This is snil profession, with a lot of men who have not accepted that the military could be women's work

Judy Foritano, a New Jersey-based sexual relations expert, said that when women report sexual harassment to the police it is normally an indication that they have exhausted all other ways of resisting the male behaviour. At the same time, she said. there was "tremendous concern [in the military] that you cannot even talk to a woman in case she runs off and sues".

America thrown off **UN** budget committee

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United States has been removed from the key United Nations budget committee for the first time, in a move that is likely to put further strain on relations between Washing-

ton and the organisation. In an upset, the US candidate failed to gain election to the 16-member Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions which vets the UN's \$1.3 billion (£790 million) annual budget France and New Zealand

won the two seats being contested, scoring 117 and 116 votes respectively in a secret ballot of UN members; the United States received 103. The other members of the group of financial experts are from Russia, Cuba, Barbados, Brazil, China, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mali. Roma-nia, Syria, Tanzania and Tun-Isia. Britain lost its traditional seat several years ago.

The United States is by far the largest contributor to the UN budget, paying 25 per cent of all UN administrative costs and 31 per cent of peacekeeping costs. Washington is also the organisation's biggest debtor, ow-ing about \$1.4 billion in

Asked why the United States lost, an American offi-cial said: "Three things: money, money and money. Resentment about US arrears to the United Nations was clearly the decisive factor. The lack of our participation will inevitably diminish the committee."

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ONE OF the longest-running mysteries of astronomy is the case of the diffuse interstellar hands. When you look at bright young stars, they don't shine as intensely as they should. In the 1930s, astronomers established that this was not the fault of the stars themselves, but of something lying between them and us. It was. in fact, a celestial version of the music-hall song: "With a ladder and some glasses you could see the Hackney Marshes, if it wasn't for the houses in between."

But what houses, exactly? This puzzle has contributed richly to the history of science.

The diffuse interstellar bands, or DIBs. are essentially gaps in the spectrum of light from young stars. The light reaches us through space which, far from being empty. teems with thinly dispersed chemical com-pounds. These are intercepting the light.

From the wavelengths that are missing, it ought to be easy enough to work out exactly what these compounds are, by measuring the absorption spectrum of likely candidates

in the laboratory.

Now two scientists from 1BM believe they have discovered the criminal - and in the best traditions of the whodunnit, it turns out to be the butler. Dr Peter Sorokin and Dr James Glownia, of the T.J. Watson Research Centre in Yorktown Heights, believe that the DIBs are caused by hydrogen, by far the commonest molecule in the universe. Like the butler, hydrogen has been there has covered its tracks with great skill.

The DIBs are certainly not caused by simple absorption by hydrogen molecules, since their pattern is quite different. Rather, the IBM scientists believe that hydrogen accounts for the DIBs in a complex process that involves light scattering of the same kind that makes the sky blue, followed by a laser-like process in which the hydrogen atoms are excited into higher energy states.

They envisage cold, sheet-like hydrogen clouds lying within 30 light-years of very

bright stars. These clouds are so thin that most light goes straight through. But some is trapped by a process of scattering, bathing the cloud with intense ultraviolet light at certain critical wavelengths. This light then combines with visible starlight to excite hydrogen molecules to higher energy states

in so-called "two-photon" events.

When they looked at the colours of the visible light needed to participate in these events, they realised that in at least 70 cases coincided with one of the 130 sharper DIBs. The broader DIBs correspond to cases in which the molecule is charged with so much energy that it throws out an

electron, or splits up into atomic hydrogen. The theory, due to appear soon in Astrophysical Journal, can be checked by laboratory experiments. It looks as if a 75-year-old puzzle may be solved.



Dr Gilbert Levin explains the principle behind his experiment to test for life on Mars. He believes it tested positive in 1976, but he was overruled

The secret of Mars

ife was discovered on Mars 20 years ago and further evidence is awaiting a new generation of space missions. This is the startling claim of an American scientist intimately involved with a Nasa mission that declared the Red Planet sterile 20 years ago.

Dr Gilbert Levin was one of the principal scientists in-volved in the Viking mission in 1976. He conducted a key experiment to look for life and, he believes, found it. But, to his dismay, the official consensus that

emerged was that Mars had

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Nicholas Booth on why an American scientist believes that the Viking mission discovered primitive life on the Red Planet 20 years ago find signs of metabolism. Dr absence of organic molecules never harboured life. "A num-Levin's experiment gave a

strong signal that there were

microbes in the soil, but the

other two experiments yielded

less certain results. Levin

team was openly at war.

Indeed, their mutual hostility

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wanted to run a check. But there were personalities involved. The Viking biology

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Levin found

things difficult. "It

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her of explanations have been proposed to explain the results of my experiment," Levin, 72, declares. "None of them are convincing. I believe that Mars has life today."

His certainty comes from this year's discovery of what appear to be fossilised microbes in Martian meteorites. hunks of rock which had been flung out of the crust of Mars in the ancient past. And it's hardly surprising. "Life is hardier than we had ever imagined," he says. "Microbes have been found in nuclear fuel rods inside reactors and in

the depths of the ocean where there is no light."

Mars is back on the scientific agenda. The US and Russia are sending a small flotilla of spacecraft to the Red Planet. Last Thursday Nasa's Mars Global Surveyor was successfully launched from Cape Canaveral. Next weekend. Russia's Mars '96 will blast off from Kazakhstan. Both will reach the planet next Septem-

ber. In early December,

Nasa's Pathfinder mission will

make a fast track to Mars and

 with impeccable timing will arrive on Independence Dr Levin began his career as a sanitation engineer in California and developed a technique to detect bacteria, known as the labelled release

experiment. He fed a sample of water with a "broth" of radioactive lactose and measured the carbon dioxide produced. Few companies were Then, at a cocktail party in 1959, he met T. Keith Glennan. the first head of Nasa. "It suddenly struck me that my

technique could be adapted and flown to the Red Planet to search for life." Levin says. Glennan told Levin to talk to Nasa's top biologist. Soon Levin found himself on the Viking biology team. arlier torays by the family of Mariner

spacecraft such that Mars was colder, drier and more hostile than had been originally thought. But there was still the chance that microbes lay in the soil. This was how the Viking mission was born. The Viking spacecraft touched down in 1976. Viking I

on July 20 and Viking 2 on September 4. A robot arm grabbed soil samples which were fed into a hopper, and then three experiments tried to

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went like this. Because Mars has no ozone layer, there is nothing to protect the surface. from dangerous ultraviolet ra-

fore the planet's soils are effectively bleached. Levin remains frustrated by this notion because he believes that the chemistry is wrong. The theory says that hydro-

diation from the Sun. There-

duced in the atmo-Microbes. sphere on Mars and it trickles have been down to the surface. The problem is that measurefound ments made from spacecraft in orbit inside around Mars and the latest telescopes nuclear on Earth have yet to find its spectral fuel rods' signature.

ties, Levin made each other's experiments but another discovery. Looking through the PhD thesis of the student who had developed the mass spectrometer, he realised that both that and his own experiments had analysed the same samples from Antarctica taken as a test before the Viking mission. (Antarctica is the most Marslike place on our planet and an ideal place to try out life

In the late Seven-

detection experiments.) Levin was astonished. "The mass spectrometer had tested

the same Antarctic samples which we had looked at," he says. "It had found no organics and yet we had found living organisms."

Levin then checked on the sensitivity of each instrument. Although he could find as few as 50 biological cells in a given sample, the mass spectrometer would require upwards of ten million. In other words, the instrument held up as proving there was no life on Mars was much less sensitive than his own. "There was no conflict in the Martian data if you understand the sensitive ities," Levin says. Despite his best efforts. Levin could not persuade the mass spectrometer team to check their instrument against his with known

nd there the matter has remained. Levin is now an experimenter on an American instrument which will be flown on the Russian Mars 96 mission. The Mars Oxidising Experiment will shed more light on the mysteries of the Martian soil, but it won't be capable of looking at organics.

The answer to Levin is. obvious: refly a more sensitive version of the labelled release experiment. Despite trying to persuade Nasa's current chief. Daniel Goldin, who has asked the scientific community for all its help to solve the riddle of the martian microbes, his pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

 Nicholas Booth's book on Mars will be published next year by Simon and Schuster

Fat discovery is clue | Long-lasting drugs to the 'Holy Grail'



ONE reason for obesity is that some people eat too much fat. And fat, unlike carbohydrate, doesn't trigger a feeling of fullness. The reason for this might be that early human beings couldn't

depend on finding meat, so when they did they were programmed to pig out on it.

A French team from the National Institute of Health and Medical Research laboratory in Lille has now discovered how the mechanism works. Dr Jean-Charles Fruchart and colleagues are studying the operations of the ob gene, which codes the

fat to brain, telling us to stop eating. The team has found that the amount of leptin made depends on a factor called PPARy, which in turn is activated by fats. When PPARy is activated, it inhibits the production of leptin, and postpones the feeling of satiation. This suggests that meals rich in fats probably activate PPARy and allow one to eat and eat. The discovery provides new hope for the pharmaceutical Holy Grail — the "thin pill". A PPARy inhibitor could be the very thing.

protein called leptin. This is a kind of hormone circulating around the body from

mean fewer pills



PATIENTS forced to take drugs four or five times a day to control a disease will be glad to hear that researchers are hot on the trail of a mechanism that could make many drugs longer-

acting, reducing the dose to, say, two a day. Dr Stephen Liggett of the University of Cincinnati and colleagues have found that one long-acting drug, Serevent, made by Glaxo-Wellcome for the treatment of asthma. binds to an "anchor" deep in the lung. In the Journal of Biological Chemistry they report the existence of a peptide just five amino acids long that captures the drug molecule and holds it there.

This hook lies within the adrenergic receptor in the lung which is the drug's target. The effect of the drug is to make the airways relax, and to relieve asthmatic symptoms. But other asthma drugs work for only about four hours, after which they become detached. Serevent works for longer by latching on to the hook, or "exosite".

"Now that we know this meachanism exists we should be able to use it to develop drugs that have a similar action at other types of receptor," says Dr Liggett.

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Pray silence for the heroes

Remembering the fallen takes just two minutes of your time, says Kenneth Baker

oday at llam many people will observe a silence for two minutes. Many will not Those who observe the sitence will do so for several reasons — some because they will remember loved ones who died or were wounded in the world wars, or in the Falkland or Gulf Wars, or in more recent peacekeeping exercises; some because they think it important to recall that in desperate and dangerous times people were prepared to die for those things they held dear; some because they do not want another world war; and some, simply because others are doing it.

Those who just carry on as normal will do so because some think that the whole exercise is futile; some because they believe that by honouring soldiers who have died they will encourage others to go to war; some because it is not relevant to the world situation today; some because they just cannot be bothered to remember events that occurred a long time ago; and some because they are rather embarrassed by the whole thing.

The two-minute silence does provide a short space of time when the nation can come together. John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown, with their staff, will ob-serve it. So, too, will BBCl, radio and ITN. There will be a pause to remember in Sainsbury, Tesco, Asda and Marks & Spencer, as well as the major banks and The Times, and atllam Railtrack will make an announcement on its stations. The British Legion has revived this practice since the observation of the twominute silence during the celebration of VE-Day, and the polls they have taken show there is widespread support for it — and this is not just limited to the elderly.

The closer you are to war, the casier it is to remember. In the aftermath of the First World War, when families had been broken and communities shattered, you simply had to honour the dead. And everywhere there were the visible signs of the horrors of war - men who had been gassed, blinded, lost a leg or an arm: "He sat in a wheeled chair. waiting for dark, and shivered in his



A soldier returns from the Western Front to hug his baby son for the first time. Today we remember those who never came back

Westminster Abbey. Those acts of commemoration were not triumphalist: the drums were muffled, and the hymns were solemn — the sorrow was overwhelming. The spirit was much like that described by Anne Finch, the Countess of Winchelsea, in the 17th century: Trail all your Pikes, dispirit every Drum, March in a slow Procession, from afar."

Through this collective act of remembrance they also hoped that a better world would emerge — "the war to end all wars" and "a land fit for heroes". All too soon those hopes were shattered, as Chesterton wrote:

They said (when they had dined at Ciro's) The land would soon be fit for heroes And now they have managed For only heroes could endure it

present; and the sacrifice of the dead was seen as honouring a huge, past mistake. But within 20 years, Europe was plunged into another world war - the old realities returned and we seemed to have learnt nothing.

o today is there any purpose in remembering? The an-swer must be "yes". Nobody can just ignore the past. A country that neglects its national memory will be careless about its national future. Throughout history countries have honoured their dead - the Spartans at Thermoplyae, the Americans at Gettysburg - and in every French village there is a memorial for the men of the village who died in the two world wars. Whose heart does not lift a bit when they see Chelsea pensioners in their coats? For old soldiers have always had a place of special affection, which, at its simplest, is a seat

Of course, the circumstances that caused the two world wars are not

Falklands and the Gulf Wars have shown that aggression has not disap-peared from the face of the earth, and Bosnia has shown that neither has cruelty nor wickedness, and that the veneer of civilisation is paper-thin. Now that is relevant to young people. They have seen on their television screens that war is a bloody, ghastly mess, that civilians are victims just as much as soldiers, that war never leaves a country as it finds it, and that

the fruits of victory are often bitter. In this century alone, it has been estimated that 110 million people, civilian as well as military, have died as a result of war. All the more reason why those who want to avoid such tragedy in the future should pause and reflect for a few moments today. The silence should not glorify war: it is a terrible reminder of what can happen when men start to kill their neighbours. We must all hope that those pale battalions of the dead did hospital orderly. He believed that from all that suffering a greater love would come:

Dearest comrades, all is over and long gone, But love is not over and what love, O comrades! Perfume from battlefields rising up from the foetor arising. Perfume therefore my chant,

O Love, immortal love. Give me to bathe the memories of all dead soldiers, Shroud them, embalm them, cover them all over with tender pride. Perfume all — make all

Make these ashes to nourish and blossom O love, solve all, fructify all with the last chemistry. Give me exhaustless, make me That I exhale love from me

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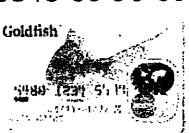
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'I felt so guilty. I thought I was deserting Paul'

he campfire was burning as Catherine Moseley and her boy-friend Paul Wells settled down to enjoy their supper, high in the mountains Himalayas and were swapping jokes and stories with their Kashmiri guide and another British couple, Keith

and Julie Mangan. But as they talked. Catherine became aware that something was wrong. As first one figure, then another appeared. she realised that the makeshift camp was encircled by bearded Kashmiri gunmen. There was no panic, just a sense of the surreal, as the men demanded the Westerners' passports and then began

ransacking their belongings.
They didn't speak English, so our guide was translating." Cutherine says. "They looked at our passports but it was as if they were pretending not to understand - they were holding them upside down and waving their arms around. It was all slightly theatrical."

Catherine, 27, and Paul, 25, a photography student, had met Julie and Keith, both 36, in Delhi on the bus to Srinagar and the four had decided to embark on the six-day guided trek together.

"The men gave Julie and me our passports back. Then they marched all of us behind a hut at gunpoint. We were by this stage paralysed with fear. I was very fearful that Julie and I might be raped, so I decided not to make eye contact with any of the men. I just stared at

the ground." Tears fill Catherine's eyes as she says she can't remember what she and Paul said to each other, during what were to be their last hours together, before a separation which has so far lasted 500 days. Paul and Keith along with an American. Donald Hutchings and a Ger-

Catherine Moseley speaks for the first time about the kidnapping of her boyfriend, of Kashmir's Srinagar Valley. They had spent the past few days fulfilling Paul's dream to climb the foothills of the Historian and when the support of the s



Nightmare journey: Catherine Moseley and Paul Wells

man, Dirk Hasert, remain hostages of the Al-Faran terrorists, a militant Islamic group. There has been no official news of their fate since

The last time Catherine saw Paul was when the gunmen stood up to march the hostages away, telling the interpreter they would be returned to the camp after their passports had been checked. I remember Paul looking over his shoulder at me as he walked away. I

often fantasise about running after him, grabbing onto him and saying, 'No. You can't take him'. But at the time ! didn't do anything. I was paralysed — just doing what was required for survival."

Catherine, who met Paul four years ago when they were students in Nottingham, has no doubt that he is tough enough to survive his captivity. His love of the mountains is all-consuming, she says. "It sounds ridiculous to say, but if

which part of the world he was to be taken hostage in, it would be the Himalayas. He loved the mountains, they are in his

The afternoon before the kidnapping. Catherine had a dream, which she now feels might have been a warning of

what was to come. I decided to have a sleep in the afternoon in the tent and when I woke up I had the most overpowering physical sense of loneliness. I called out to Paul, who was cleaning his cameras. He said 'Are you okay? Do you want me to come in the tent? He came in and just held me. He is the most

caring and generous person

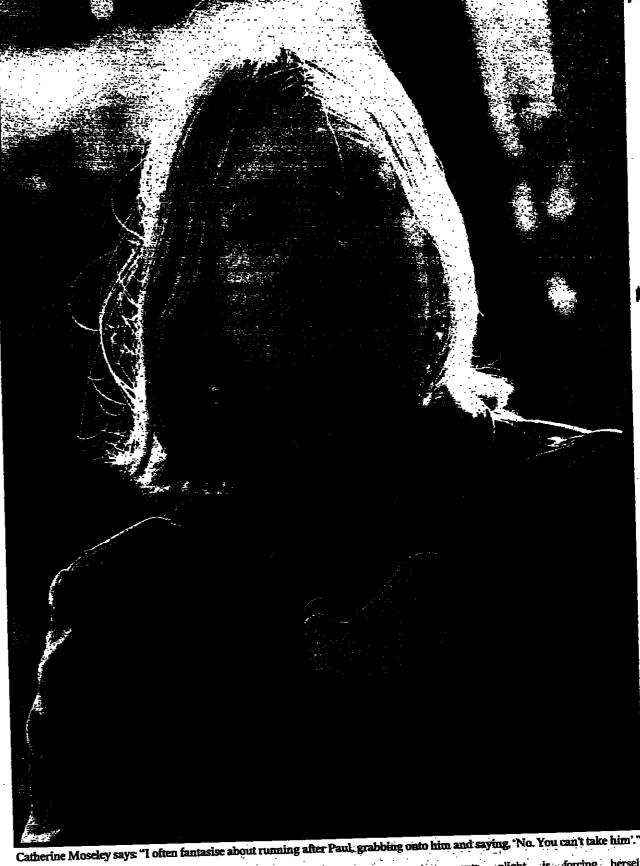
She pauses to stop herself from weeping again.

atherine's determ-ination not to give up hope was most tested when the body of a fifth hostage. Hans Christian Ostro, was discovered last August. He had been decapitated and the words Al-Faran cut into his chest. At the time, Catherine, together with the families of the other hostages, was staying with the British High Commissioner in Delhi. It was her lowest point.

"After Hans was killed I just totally gave up. I couldn't cope. You imagine that maybe he had been killed in front of the others, or maybe he was trying to escape. We had believed that the guys had formed bonds with their captors but after Hans's death everything was turned upside down."

It is a tribute to her strength of will that she forced herself out of depression to spare the feelings of the other women. "I realised that it was up to me to pull myself together, because I was upsetting the others. You cannot give up hope because as long as they may be alive that is all there is to hold on

The decision to leave India last October was desperately



hard. "I felt terribly guilty because I was OK and free to leave and Paul didn't have that freedom. I felt I was abandoning him because I knew I was leaving the country in which he was being held, although we didn't know where." Although she is trying to

continue with her life and has course in gallery studies at Essex University, there is never an hour when Catherine does not think of Paul. A natural pragmatist who

finds it hard to accept any proposition without proof, she is fighting a constant battle to stop herself thinking that he might be dead.

"It is pretty difficult, because you have to try to live your life. but I am stunned by the number of times I think in any

day. 'He might be dead'. I might be at a lecture, or having a chat with friends. I just make myself say 'No, he is alive. It's imperative that I find a way not to give up hope.

Catherine returned to Kashmir last month for the first time since the kidnapping, hing for news. Vague and unconfirmed reports of sightings fail to impress her. because there remains no strongest lead came in April this year when Nasir Mohammed, a known Kashmiri militant, was arrested and claimed all the hostages had been killed last December, "Either

he is lying, or someone has told him a lie, or he is telling

the truth. It's a pretty bleak set

of choices," she says.

In her worst moments. Catherine gains comfort from the birth of her niece Hannah. who was born on February 13 this year, Paul's 25th birthday. "All my family and friends are fantastic and Hannah is

just gorgeous. I know that if somehow this report reaches Paul, he will be overjoyed to know about Hannah, she

erry Waite, John Mc-Carthy and Jill Morrell have all offered their support to a campaign, organised by Catherine and the other hostages' families, to mark the 500th day of their captivity this Thursday. Catherine, who is naturally reticent and has so far avoided giving interviews to publicise the hostages'

plight, is forcing herself into a round of television appearances and press conferences.

"It is a comfort to know that Terry and John came back after so many years without news. The world is never going to be the same for me and I have to do everything I can to help get them out. There people feeling sorry for us and the whole country supporting a campaign which says more must be done."

◆ A film of Catherine's eight-day trip to Kashmir will be shown on The Big Story on ITV this Thursday. Anyone wishing to contact the es support group should nostages' support group snould ring the campaign office on 01642-339 090 or write to Hostages in Kashmir Campaign, Independent House, 112 Borough Middlesbrough TS1 2ES.



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The founding family of Marks & Spencer have always kept their private life very private. Now the much-married Lord Marks has plunged them into a bitter legal battle. Grace Bradberry reports

unday roasts, chilly seaside holidays and Marks & Spencer's underwear were once the three most familiar things about British family life. The first two have declined in popularity, but M&S smalls remain ubiquitous,

But was the Marks & Spencer business, or the dynasty behind it, ever as conventional as the middle-class families who bought its goods? The answer, undoubtedly, is no. Throughout this century, members of the dynasty have divorced, made amicable and generous settlements, and continued to keep their "exes" within the bosom of the family - not sale or return exactly, but an admirably smooth exchange policy nonetheless.

Now, however, there are signs of bitterness. A member of the family is demanding that a Marks & Spencer wife return "their" money. (Though whether she has in fact recrived anything - which she vigorously denies — is still being fought over.)

The woman in question is Marina Sakalis, a prominent member of London's Greek community. In 1991, she met Michael Marks, the occentric grandson of the Michael Marks who founded M&S in 1870. Lord Marks the inherited his father's title in 1964) was 71. she was 35, but they nevertheless married two years ago. and had the union blessed in the House of Lords. His three children, Simon, Naomi and Sarah, showed their disapproval by boycotting both the wedding and the subsequent celebrations at Claridge's.

Most of the extended family had long since given up on Lord Marks. His father, Simon Marks, had been a formidable man. He took over Marks & Spencer at the age of 19 in 1907, and turned it into a huge business empire. But from an early stage it became clear that Michael, his only son, had neither the inclination nor the ability to follow in

the publisher Antho Blond, a step-nephew of Simon Marks. If you mention Michael to the rest of the

family, they just laugh."
Instead. Michael Marks pursued a bohemian lifestyle. Nevertheless, he owns more than five million Marks & Spencer plc ordinary shares, worth [29 million, and over the years he has been extreme-

ly generous to his wives. The first, Ann Pinto, was a Rothschild whom he married in 1949. The marriage lasted nine years and produced Lord Marks's three children. Two years later, in 1960, he mar-ried Helene Fischer, but they divorced after five years. The settlement was reported to be £100,000 - a considerable sum in 1965.

Since then the settlements have grown larger. His third and fourth wives, Toshiko Shimura and Liyang Zhang, are reported to have received more than £1 million each.

None of this appears to have bothered the family. But Lord Marks's alleged generosity to his present wife has provoked a different reaction.

Since the couple met, Lord Marks has replaced Marina's 20-year-old Porsche with a Mercedes, and together they moved out of his apartment and into a £750,000 St John's Wood house which is registered in her name, where she and their staff care for him. Now Lord Marks's son, Simon, has brought a High Court action seeking the re-

> 'Sisters competed through their charity work'

turn of "gifts and property" which he believes she has received from her elderly husband since 1991.

But no one, least of all the increasingly infirm Lord Marks, knows quite how much, if any, money is involved. Lady Marks is contesting the action. She is, however. legally prevented from speaking publicly about the case.

Instead, her solicitors, Miller, Clayton, have issued a statement making it clear that the action, though brought in his name. has nothing to do Lord Marks. "Lord Marks has become incapable aging his affairs and oresent condition is such that he has no commencesion of what has been done in his name, and he has not been

consulted about the action." His son's legal battle is not thought to have gone down well with the extended clan either They loathe publicity. and have very little time and sympathy for Lord Marks, who is felt not to have pulled his weight either within the company, or within their various charitable bodies, particularly their support for Isra-

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aghast at these shenanigans. A penniless Russian Jew, who arrived in Britain in the 1880s, he even had to borrow the fiver it took to set up a stall in Leeds market. By 1900 he had 24 Penny Bazaars, all bearing the slogan "Don't ask the price, it's a penny". By the time he died, in 1907, his wife Hannah and their five children -Simon, Rebecca, Miriam, Mathilda and Elaine - were happily installed in a large house in Manchester. After his death, Simon, then 19, took on

a modern retail empire. But it was a remarkable double love story, not a boardroom scrum, that laid the foundations of the M&S dynasty: Simon fell in love with his best friend's sister, his best friend returned the compliment. Israel Sieff, whom Simon met at Manchester Grammar, was later appointed to the board of M&S. In 1910, Israel married Rebecca Marks. Five years later, Si-

the business, fought a nine-

year battle to oust a hostile

director, and turned M&S into

mon married Miriam Sieff. The path of love was not so smooth for the other Marks sisters, however. Simon, a real martinet, vetted their choices. He forbade his youngest sister Elaine to marry another of his friends. Neville Blond. She obeyed him and married Neville's cousin, Norman Laski, But Simon's veto effectively led to the family's first divorce. The marriage failed, and Elaine made the dynasty's first spousal exchange, swapping Norman for her original choice, Neville, and marrying

however, this second generation were a force to be reckoned with. The sisters competed with one another through their charity work, and they were all ambitiously supportive of the Zion-ist movement. The family was kept together by Simon, and all those remarkable siseers." recalls Ambon (Neville's son and Elaine's They were the stepson). Zionist movement for many.

many years. His brother-in-law, Israel Sieff, also had some of that quality, but people were actually terrified of Simon. He didn't speak much but had a kind of magic about him. Israel was the one who made the gestures, and had the wine and the parties and the

But despite the various infidelities, there was only the one

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Early casualty: the marriage of Elaine Marks didn't last





Toshiko Shimura, Lord Marks's third wife, found the family's scrutiny difficult. Marina Sakalis, with her husband on her wedding day, has been boycotted

tion - Elaine's.

It was the third generation of both families that made divorce its speciality. Seven of them married at least twice, and while the current Lord Marks has scored the record. his cousin Marcus, the younger son of Rebecca and Israel. married four times.

The private life of Michael Sieff, Marcus's elder brother, made the papers in the Sixties. He married his first wife, Daphne, in 1932, but they separated in 1961. For 14 years Daphne denied him a divorce. She agreed to it only when she saw that Michael had abandoned his previous mistress in favour of Elizabeth Pitt, who had nursed his dying father. Both Daphne and Michael then remarried, and amicable elations were restored.

They're quite used to divorce, divorce means nothing," remarks Anthony Blond. And they have a wonderful

> 'Ex-wives watched at events to see if I made any mistakes'

ability to keep the ex-wives around. No one ever gets chucked out. I think it comes down to a sense of unity."

This is not always a comfortable experience for the new wives. Toshiko Shimura, the current Lord Marks's third wife, said: "It was very difficult for me because his ex-wives and girlfriends all watched me at Ascot and the musical galas and charity events, to see if I made any mistakes."

Now the family has begun to come apart at the seams. "All the heads have gone," remarks Blond. "Simon's gone, Israel's gone, and Mar-cus isn't well." Only two members of the

family are now directors of Marks & Spencer - David Sieff, the son of Marcus, and Simon Sacher, the grandson of Miriam Marks and Harry Sacher. Most of the rest of the family are still involved in charity work. They also remain charitable to those on the peripheries of the family tree, allowing them to bounce along on the safety net provided by Marks & Spencer's undies.



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n his new book, Life's Grandeur, Stephen Jay Gould goes A some way towards explaining a puzzle: why has there been no apparent progress, at all, in the creative arts? This problem is only a glancing sideshow in a book which swivels from Plato to Darwin, talks of 3.5 billion years as we speak of last weekend, and drops a bomb on what is perhaps the last remaining delusion of much reduced mankind - that somehow Homo sapiens is a

Copernicus, Galileo and Newton ousted planet Earth from the centre of the known universe to the status of a tiny satellite to a marginal star; Darwin said that we had not been made by God but were descended through the animal kingdom from a primeval soup. Freud exposed the "rational" human as dramatically less powerful than the unconscious human mind; Gould now tells us

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Podium power: Sir Georg Solti conducts the Vienna Philharmonic at the Festival Hall

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purposeful culmination of evolutionary forces. Not so, says Gould,

not in the slightest.

So the final nail goes in. that we are accidental late-comers

Did the caveman say it all before we did? (at one point jogged forward literally by the bolt from the blue which destroyed the dinosaurs) and our purpose is a meaningless development. All claims to greater

The final line in the book quotes Darwin: "There is grandeur in this view of life." Gould makes a vital distinction between the lengthy random pro-cess of natural evolution and the astounding rapidity of recent cultural change. In 100,000 years, but especially in the past 15,000, with an unchanging-sized brain behind them, human inventions have enabled human beings to speed

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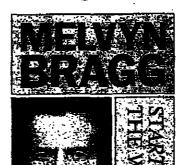
and remains the Age of Bacteria.

up with unique rapidity and change the world. We see change everywhere. If being better at war is killing more and more, we have improved

greatly. especially in the past hundred years; if speeding from place to place faster and faster is progress then up, up and away we go, everyone a Superman who can afford a ticket to fly; if turning night into day, cold into heat, squeezing the world into a box, discovering the existence of millions of beetles and zillions of bacteria is change, then we are full speed ahead.

Except in two areas. Human nature and the creative imagination in the arts.

The Cro-Magnon people painted in Lascaux as ably as any 20thcentury artist: Francis Bacon, rightly I think, asserted that no art had ever surpassed the monumental sculptures of Ancient Egypt; what tragedies have or could surpass Medea and King Lear? And which musical compo sitions outstrip those of Bach, Beethoven or Mozart? It makes no



precarious existence is this fantastic facility for cultural change, why are the creative arts so outstandingly resistant to it? Indeed, in some areas there appears

poetry finally shrivelled to a few small dried, nostalgic tubers? Has verse drama followed Latin poetry onto a shrinking syllabus? Will that complicated cross weave the intellectual, religious, passionate and mercantile complexity of medieval religious art - ever be matched again?

ould suggests, if I read him correctly, that "our unforgiving ethic of innovation" comes up against fulfilled achievement and has to pull away. Mozart was so good and so successful that he and a few others of his time exhausted that way of doing music; therefore later composers, driven by the demand to he new, must swerve away to another pasture which may, alas,

be far less fertile. Can this be the whole case? For what if it is true as I suggested, or at least arguable, that in the headlong fury of cultural change over the past 15,000 years two of the chief intractables have been kuman nature and creative artistic expression? Gould will not let us for a moment entertain the thought that we are the end product of anything other than a series of chances and a general tendency to variation. Yet he allows for the force of more recent cultural change. So why are some

things so resistant? Perhaps even in cultural change he will not allow for a movement towards the better. Just as he demes that our complexity is in. any way, shape or form superior to the apparent lack of complexity of bacteria so, by his own argu-ment, he may be saying that although technology builds on technology as needs are met and expand, art merely adapts because need stays constant. Is that it? Comparisons - as be-

tween the primitive wooden plough and the combine harvester—are pointless because there is no change in the appetite or the instinct for art. But if that is so. what does its lack of development tell us? Is it that we are more consistent in this area - more like bacteria - than in any other part of ourselves? Is it that in the creative imagination there is a profound alignment with that great tree of life on which he insists we are such a mere accidental twig?

Endearingly, and rarely in a book succulent with firm opinions, Gould says of the lack of creative "progress": "I don't have any solutions to propose." This is on the penultimate page of the book. I hope that Professor Gould uses it as the starting point for his next book and gives us some answers to a question which just might take him from the twiglet back to the branch and, who knows, even further?

Melvyn Bragg will be writing every Monday in The Times

Go north, young Turner

A new exhibition at the Tate charts the artist's journey into

landscapes, says Isabel Carlisle

There is no getting away from the fact that there is a very 18th-century flavour to the exhibitions opening this running concurrently with the Grand Tour, is a small show in the Clore Gallery on Turner's first tour to the North of England, which he made in

1797 when he was 22. This eight-week journey marked the beginning of Turner's involvement with landscape, and the pencil sketches and few watercolours that he made on the spot were a store of images that he raided for the rest of his life. It was a personal voyage of artistic discovery, and some-thing of a financial gamble for a young painter, even with some commissions already agreed. Beyond that, it was a venture that married well with the fashion for picturesque souvenirs of distant places.

Travel for pleasure was still very new. The voyagers on the

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Grand Tour were for the most part upper-class, but the ground rules that they laid down became universal. They certainly shaped Turner's 1797 neys. First, there were the 18thcentury enthusiasms for discovery and classification which fuelled the impulses to see, or collect, or experience all of a certain thing. For Turner this translated into future commissions for engraved views of, among other compendiums, The Rivers of England. The fascination of classical ruins for Grand Tourists prompted Turner to sketch ruined abbeys and castles: the taste for Claudian views of classical landscapes meant that, at least in his early commissions, he put English

Turner's tour in the North of England was a microcosm of the Grand Tour, it also planted in him the resolve to buck the trend, and led directly to his later championing of oure landscape subjects, and watercolour as a medium on a par with oil paint. For this there is another Grand

Tour connection. Turner saw the watercolour views of Tivoli and scenes of Ancient Rome by Louis Ducros (in the last room of the Tate's Grand Tout exhibition) in the collection of Sir Hoare at Stourhead. Their size

and monumentality demonstrated the possibilities of watercolour and when, in 1798, his watercolour of Norham Castle (worked up from pencil sketches made on his North of England tour) was hung alongside oil paintings in the Royal Academy and was singled out by one critic as being "the best landscape in the present exhibition", Turner must have felt a huge sense of achievement.

In Turner's 1845 oil painting the view of Norham Castle at sunrise was transformed into one of his most celebrated essays in abstraction. It, too, hangs in the Tate's Clore Gallery, although not in this

Claudian frame. Yet if in many way: Watercolour of Durham Castle and Cathedral from the River Wear close to Framwellgate Bridge (1798): Turner's visible experimenting with medium gives the show its edge exhibition. While the light

through the empty windows of colours and the evocation of the mists above the River Tweed are entirely different. They have undergone 6 His tour the sea change into pure colour and inplanted a substantial form resolve to

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that mark Turner's late career. While the first part of this show is devoted to the two sketchbooks, with facsimiles that visitors can leaf through, the second part as-

source behind the hill, shining

sembles the results of Turner's subsequent processing of the pencil sketches. They formed the basis for experiments in watercolour technique, mood paintings, finished watercolours and finished oils, with Turner's extraordinary visual memory adding colour and details of which he had made no concrete record. A view of the main street in Stamford. Lincolnshire, was worked up by Turner in 1828 into a watercolour and gouache filled with the human activity of a coach setting down pasfigures holding umbrellas and negotiating puddles, and a milkmaid with churns hanging from her shoulders watch ing from one side - a cast of characters entirely absent from the original sketch.

n 1837 Turner went back to a sketch of Bamburgh Castle in Northumberland that he had made 40 years before and made four preparatory studies in watercolour for an oil painting. Each one explores a different aspect of the scene. Particularly striking is the one which sets out the composition in terms of relative colour values. and eliminates the narrative of the wreck in the sea below the cliffs, the castle, the distress rocket and the wreckers hauling in the cargo from the nearer shore.

in one early watercolour the scraping-out of colour down to the paper surface beneath a clerestory window inside Durham Cathedral serves as a blinding shaft of light cutting the dusty shadows. It was a radical solution to an artistic problem: it is Turner's very visible experimenting with medium and effect that gives this show its edge.

 Turner in the North of England, 1797 is at the Tate Gallery, London, until February 9, then at Harewood House, Yorkshire, from March 15 until June 8, 1997

Playing Bach at his own game

Bach's activities as an arranger of his own and other composers' works are now widely known and accepted as evidence of his pragmatism as an overworked — and probably underpaid - musician. In recent years several of his pieces have been reworked, often into what is thought to be their original version. The latest is a "new" viola concerto compiled from various canta-

With such a musicological precedent, who could gainsay the King's Consort's arrangements of the organ trio sonatas as pieces for instrumental ensemble? Why should organists have exclusive rights to these marvellously inventive works? Indeed, at least two of the movements from the four sonatas in their programme of north German instrumental and vocal music were re-used by Bach in other guises.

The combination of two melody instruments and bass continuo (here cello, theorbo and organ or harpsichord) immediately transforms the sonatas into chamber pieces which worked particularly well in the vibrant but clear

King's Consort Wigmore Hall

acoustics of the Wigmore There were some rather odd

decisions, though: why choose the harpsichord in preference to the organ in the one movement structured round extended pedal points? Why not use the gamba (as Bach did) in the arrangement of the E minor Sonata rather than viola and oboe d'amore (although this would have meant an extra player)? And why not transpose the E flat Sonata to D major when using, as here, two violins, as Bach probably would have done? But the results were totally convincing.

The performances, how ever, were not consistently so. The outer allegro movements lacked flair, with a tendency to over-carefulness resulting in steady tempos. With the middle slow movements relatively fast, everything tended to a more or less undifferentiated moderato. The two vio-lins perked up for the Sonata in E flat, despite the difficulty of the key, while Katharina Spreckelsen's creamy oboc d'amore sound was particularly effective in the E minor

The programme also in-cluded sacred vocal work by two of Bach's north German predecessors: Franz Tunder and Dietrich Buxtehude. Much less familiar territory this, and one well worth exploring. The strings of the King's Consort were joined by the soprano Deborah York, sang with admirable

Tunder's setting of Psalm 137 (By the Waters of Babylon). with its rich five part string textures and relentless chro maticism, was especially striking and drew out the best music-making of the evening.

Elsewhere, the interpretative insight and intensity of, say. Musica Antiqua Köln, who have long been associated with the north German repertoire, eluded the King's Consort, despite the best efforts of the excellent cellist David Watkin.

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All's well that ends Will

obody could write a reconciliation scene quite like Shakespeare. For me, the most moving scene in "Lear is not the one in which the old king carries in the dead Cordelia, but the one in which he wakes from madness to find her lovingly and forgiv-ingly tending him. But if you want an even less resistible assault on the tear-ducts, I would advise you to look no further than the penultimate scene of a play that was only partly written by Shakespeare himself. Pericles seems bevond human reach, so deeply does he mourn the supposed death of his daughter Marina - and who should be the sweet young thing who has coincidentally come to share her grief with him but Marina

In one or two recent revivals the episode has not

worked its full magic on me but 6An at Riverside it did so again, even though James underrated Roose-Evans's cast play comes from the less famed and feted proves end of the acting profession. Caroits Devlin's line warm, doughty power 3 Marina begins to speak. A hand

caked with dirt appears from the pit into which she is directing her comfort. It is followed by what looks like a cross between Poor Tom and Ben Gunn, but is actually Justin Butcher's vivid. sensual Pericles in terminal decay. And suddenly this old, crozed creature is grabbing at her, holding her, and delivering that great cry of wonder and grantude: The music of the spheres!" It is a moment that would turn Herod into **Bub Cratchit or Captain Hook** into Santa Claus.

Certainly, it must be the work of Spakespeare himself. during the p hear it, you know it. The the heart involved seenes in which paniers and bawds toll ineffecively to make the virtuous Vigring a whore are as good is any in Measure for Mea-ure. And compare Alas, the cas both cast me on the rocks. vashed me from shore to hore, and left me breath withing to think on but ensung death", with "The God of his great vast, rebuke these arges which wash both heav-

The Legend of **Pericles** Riverside

en and hell; and thou that hast upon the winds command, bind them in brass, having called them from the deep". Your ear at once tells you which is ur-Bard and which is the poet and dramatist

Nevertheless, I have always had a weakness for those surely non-Shakespearean scenes in which the prince bangs about the eastern Mediterranean, solving sinister riddles, feeding starving cities, winning tournaments, evading a vicious, incestuous ty-

rant and marrying a kindly king's daughter. In any case, Roose-Evans has come up with a good riposte to those who think, with Dr Johnson, that it all adds up to a mouldy tale He has trimmed off all the mould he can find. He has cut some lines, staged the remain-

der as simply as he can, and left us with a clear and pacey romance. Compare Bruno Santini's

set and costumes with those currently spoiling Macbeth at the Barbican or those that recently turned Pericles itself into a fussy travesty at the National. All that it takes is a rough hectagon for a stage,. bamboo poles, a patched white sheet behind them, and actors who venture out of their white pyjamas and oatmeal cloaks only when genuine weirdness is afoot. Add a few arcane, exotic chants, and it is is enough to

Actually, it is twice churned, for there is a second reconciliation, involving Pericles, Marina and Cheryl Knight's Thaisa, the wife and mother they thought drowned. This time, the cast gently circles the threesome and, again, it is enough. An underrated play

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



The taming of the all-male Bard

fter a lifetime of walking, talking, living and breathing Shakespeare, says Jane Lapotaire. the iambic pentameters play havoc with your ordinary conversation".

Having interviewed her in the past, I know this to be no idle boast. She speaks in fluid, intricately constructed sentences of the utmost clarity and elegance, occasionally making oddly Elizabethan inversions for rhetorical effect. Her one-person show treats us to "an unashamedly personal" revisitation of her favourite Shakespearean roles.

Had the Bard been a female in disguise, she would un-. doubtedly have been less miserly in her creations for her own sex. Lapotaire reminds us that male parts outnumber female ones by a ratio of eight to one, and that Rosalind, the largest female role, is only a third the size of Hamlet.

You can so clearly see the frustration for an actor of Lapotaire's stature, reaching this stage in her career only to find dwindling opportunities to exercise her accumulated knowledge. All it leaves is Lady Macbeth and Cleopatra, both of which she played more than a decade ago, and Katherine of Aragon in Henry VIII. which opens shortly.
This has driven her to her

THEATRE

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own show in Bristol. Rather modestly, Lapotaire confines herself to the parts she has played, in most cases ouite famously. The show serves also as an informal biography of her career, lightly peppered with theatrical anecdotes (Olivier, Gielgud, Jonathan Miller); but admirably. though again disappointing to one's baser instincts, she is never so self-indulgent as to descend to gossip, about herself or anyone else.

The performances get better as the characters get more complex, and her impassioned advocacy for Lady Macbeth produces a strikingly noble portrayal, while her Cleopatra positively transcendental.

Lapotaire turns out to be a surprisingly talented MC for her own star turns. And where the format of the show is predictable and sometimes repetitive, it's a tribute to her as an actor that she is never tedious to watch.

CLARE BAYLEY

Smile of success

emob fever was in the air as the Supernaturals took the stage in Highbury. The emerging Glaswegian fivepiece band have been getting ntimate with the inside of their van during a five-week British tour that culminated here last Thursday.

Support on this adventure was shared democratically between two more newcomers. From Fallun in Sweden came laden confections. Their respect for good melodies is typical of the current explosion of Swedish pop of which

they are a part. Silver Sun wielded staccato guitars in a kind of punk Monkees performance. Their style draws on new and oldwave pop in equal measure.

But the evening's main attraction was the Supernaturals, whose first single

POP

The Supernaturals Garage, NI

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song, Smile, had a fresh-faced vigour about it that was echoed here by the rest of a breathless set of little more than half an hour. Its successor. Lazy Lover, showed off a turned lyric about a reluctant Romeo, too indolent to get into bed. The Day Before Yesterday Man and Please Be Gentle With Me were similarly radiant, the brilliant control further enhanced by the keyboards of Ken McAlpine. He led the end-of-term high jinks before, no doubt, returning to the dorm to start one last bunfight

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Courtiers are always dangerous. If Mr Blair is not careful, it will be hair today and gone tomorrow

rong signals can cause wars. They caused the Falklands War. Last week they caused the War of Blair's Hair. It began from nothing. A few cheeky reporters did ring Mr Blair's press people for comment on the FT's gossip that Tony Blair had a new haircut, but ask yourself how you would have replied? With the truth, surely: "He's had it cut, and it does look a bit different. I suppose he's happy with it. We wouldn't bother

him with such questions." That would have calmed things down. What fired journalists with a determination to push this further was the irritated and defensive reaction of those around the Labour leader. There was a simultaneous attempt to deny that his hair had changed, and to denigrate anyone for pursuing the tale at all. Hours later, Blair's team panicked, tried to make a joke of it, but repeated, in bullying tone, their attack on the FT jour-nalist (whom they named)

who had started the story. Like dogs in packs, journalists can smell fear. Every paper decided to make something of this.

The men

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Note what happens next: an object lesson in how, if the press wants to make trouble, it can create it from

nothing.
On Thursday morning the War of Blair's Hair was everywhere. Guardian and the Daily

Star used computer-graphic simulations to suggest. variously, how Mr Blair would look if bald, crew-cut or dreadlocked. Pictures from his youth were dug up. Hair-loss experts were consulted for advice. At 5am that day, preparing for a press review on BBC TV's Breakfast News, I realised there was only one subject

to discuss, and it was the American election. But now a more damaging story was gathering momentum. The papers were linking the Hair Wars to the issue of Blair's apparent lack of appeal to some women voters. Struck by Mr Blair's "flimsy boy-friend" good looks, I had raised this myself early in 1994 during the Labour leadership contest in a frivolous sketch entitled "22 reasons not to vote for Tony Blair". My poll of 11 female colleagues at Westminster. which took minutes to conduct, two lines to report and cost nothing, revealed that Mr Blair (unlike Gordon Brown and John Prescott) was not fancied. Yesterday the Independent on Sunday took three full pages, including its front page, to report what must have been a costly MORI poll of nearly 800 women. It reached a similar conclusion. Two of the 11 women I polled in 1994 found Blair fanciable. MORI's figure yesterday was a little down on that, at

For four days now the

papers have been full of interviews with women who do not fancy the Labour leader, and huge headlines (such as the Independent on Sunday's) with the word "smarmy" in them. The media have been given a new playground chant. There has been damaging innuendo about perceived

. We journalists are, of course, trivial and cruel. We pick on people. But until now that has worked to Blair's advantage, for Mr Major has been the target. It is interesting to see the rage and resentment with which Tony Blair's media people react when it is their product being hammered.

And the blame falls squarely on their own heads. For most of the last three years they have had a complaisant and sympathetic press to handle. The moment the going gets tough, they blunder. Because Tony Blair has been successful with the media. and because he has a team devoted to arranging this, the team has been given the credit for the success. Nothing could be further from the truth. Mr Blair is doing

well because he's bright, clean, not a socialist and not a Tory. He is succeeding not because of but despite his team of spin-doctors and advisers. These people have been a (so far) minor irritant, poisoning his relationship with the

press and with

his own party. Few have been more overvalued than these young Blair". I hear a wall-chart has been issued to show us who they all are. They plainly think of themselves as a cabal of kinemakers, for whom the press is a tool, Parliamentary Labour Party is an embarrassing sideshow. Some of them are now compulsive self-publicists. A few have begun feuding among themselves. Most of them are amateurish, conspiratorial and unprofessional. If they were

really any good, we would not have heard of them. This sort of thing destroys most emperors in the end. It destroyed Harold Wilson and was instrumental in Margaret Thatcher's demise. With both, however, the poison took decades to take hold. It is depressing to see that this has started with Mr Blair even before he has been elected. Since dependency on courtiers increases with power, we must conclude that if he cannot cast out these devils now, he never will. He must have some strange psychological

need for them. Mark my words: the men around Tony Blair will be his undoing. I offer you this prophecy without charge. It comes from the chap who wrote yesterday's Independent on Sunday lead story two years before it appeared.

"My main goal was to get him

outside." said Starkie from his

hotel yesterday, where he was

registered under the name Maxim

de Winter. "He is a good head

taller than me, but I wanted to deal with him man to man." The enemy

refused: "I'm not going to fight

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Ross had told Starkie on the

you," he said, "It's widiculous."

pretend he was an intellectual, but he didn't qualify for that. And he wasn't funny either. So I wanted to

hit him." Ross left without physical injury, but only after agreeing to cut out some of his nastier insults before transmission. Starkie. meanwhile, is leaving town to promote his masterpiece in New

back that he had spent reading it.

"I couldn't get a word in edge-wise," said Starkie. "He tried to

York where, coincidentally, the duchess will be doing the very same thing for her own book and its tamer version of events.



NEVER FAR from a friendly lawyer, Sir James Goldsmith. tycoon and political mover, has launched a High Court libel action against a Member of the European Parliament, Glyn Ford, the Labour MEP for Greater Manchester East.

The man who issued more than 60 libel writs against Private Eye in the 1970s, and applied to the High nal libel against the magazine, hasn't lost his appetite for bashing the cheap prints. He is seeking libel damages over two articles: one. headed Today your love, tomorrow the world", appeared in Tri-

bune, a left-wing paper; the other, headed "Fears over nasty links to Sir James", cropped up in a Euro-MPs' publication. Neither is likely to have much of a fighting fund.

Side order

THE CORPORATE weight of the restaurant chain Pizza Hut is being hurled at a small takeaway in the West Midlands with the name Pizza Mutt. The American conglomerare understandably suggests that customers may be confusing the

Pizza Hut is tiring of the dogged

little upstart: "We will be bringing this to the attention of our legal

Dress code

SIR RICHARD BODY - a man whose very name once reminded John Major of medics and flapping white coats -- has been canyassing in the House of Commons. The terrific MP for Holland with Boston has circulated a letter on behalf of

Conservatives Against a Federal Europe urging fellow Tories to join



"I'm in for defying the

Home Secretary

goodbye at Earls Court station, 5.30.

Ah. I shop and do quilt." It is only at the end of July 1918 that she records good news about the war. "Foch defeats the Germans on Marne." That turns out to be the beginning of the end for the German Army By mid-October she is recording "a wonderful week of victories". By the beginning of November the surren-ders are coming in; first Turkey, then Austria. Then the diary records the days of victory. "November 9. Kaiser and Crown Prince abdicate. Lord

Mayor's Show. I go to see both pro-cessions on Embankment. Tea Savoy! V. weary! November 11. Armis-tice signed and fighting is stopped at 11.00am. Marcons and hooters. "This last week a great German threat to the Marne." Then she refers to the Pemberton Billing criminal libel case. "Horrible trial: Billing book. 47,000 high English names who can be blackmailed by Germany and many receiving German gold: Asquith, Haldane etc mentioned! (V. Flags come out I go on [knitting] Pneumonia Jacket to lunch, then out. Bus to Hyde Park turned back. Wet. Crowds. Dine at Dicks. London v. wild. November 12. To Buck Pal and see King, Queen and Princess Mary go and return St Paul's — on balcomy and we shout "God Save". 100s of carmon in the Mall. Crowds thick 4, "I sell flags for Church Army, Regent Street, £1.18s.2'ad." On June 6 she hears that Bob Rees-Mogg has and v. quiet, here and there romping — bonfires late, guns burnt. November 13. Sew. Crowds continue and bonfires. Kaiser in Holland."

in Belgium. Of her five close kin who fought, two had been killed, two were safe, and the fifth, who had won the DSO in 1917, never recovered from in July, goes down with "Spanish Flu" and has a temperature of 104, the shock of being torpedoed in 1918. The men who fought were not much thanked at least not by the though a week later he is well enough to give his mother dinner at the Berkgovernment or the bureaucracy. eley Hotel, then he has to go back to They did not come home to "a fit France. "July 26. Fletcher round in country for heroes to live in", nor had afternoon: puts away civis and we say they fought "the war to end all wars". My grandmother tucked my father's demobilisation letter from the War Office into the back of her diary. It reads: "Sir, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that you have been released from actual military duty from 4 April 1919 inclusive. On and subsequent to this date you will not be entitled to army pay and allowances, neither shall any period during which you are so released

I suppose, to face the same shocking contrast as my grandmother. On Armistice Day she went to dinner with her brother. Her son, whose 29th birthday happened to fall on November 11, 1918, was now going to come back home; his son, seven years

younger, had been buried six months earlier in a British military cemetery

non-effective benefits, nor will you be eligible for promotion during that period . . . The permission to wear uniform for one month is for the purpose of enabling you to obtain plain clothes, and will not entitle you to use AFW 3504 (concession voucher), when travelling ..." That was the spirit of the demobilisation of those As it recedes into history, the Great War seems to become more rather than less tragic. It is hard to imagine

count towards any gratuity, nor for

the suffering either of those who fought or of those left at home. They coped with it, God knows how, and we should continue to remember those, like young Scott Savory, who sacrificed themselves for us, the children of the future they never knew.

join the Cambridge OTC and was given a commission in the Durham Light Infantry in September. He The very quiet London crowds had, Even my father, on leave in London tle, it seems. March 27. Allenby's The centre cannot hold

spirit depressing)." But she did not remain depressed for long. On June

been torpedoed in the Mediterranean

but has survived.

On Armistice Day in 1918, the crowds were subdued. One woman's diary explains why

Suffering that still

strikes us dumb

went to the front last January, with a

battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.

later he was attached to the Worces-

ter Regiment, with whom he was in

action on April 26. The Commanding

Officer writes: 'All regret his loss, as

he would have made a valuable

officer." One wonders how many times the CO had used the same

words to describe young officers,

recently attached to his regiment.

whom he can hardly have met.

My grandmother is still recording
the German advance in early June.

William Rees-Mogg

Mogg [her nephew by marriage] to

be seen very plainly: marching along with smile. March 31. Easter Day.

Scott out of the turmoil. Fletcher [her

sonj sends card 'All Well'. April 2.

Further letter from Scott: had a night

in a bed! Much refreshed, though

My grandmother sadly underlined

the diary entry for May i. "I was with

Dick and Hetty when telegram came

'Scott died of wounds on 26th.' Great

unexpected shock. I go to War Office

wounded on 26th, so not long
agony." My father always thought
his cousin Scott Savory had been too

frail a man to be in the Army at all: that view is borne out by the brief newspaper obituary my grand-mother pasted in her diary.

Second lieutenant Henry Law-

rence Scott Savory, aged 21, only

child of Mr and Mrs Savory of 10

Longridge Road, SW, died on April 26 of wounds received in action the

same day. Educated at Remenham,

Hindhead, and Radley, he passed the

Cambridge entrance examinations (Jesus College) in 1914, but owing to the outbreak of war his plans were changed. After undergoing a serious operation, he entered Sandhurst in

1915, but his health debarred him

from military service, and he took up

the engineering course at Jesus College In May 1917, he was able to

years older."

America's local

Miss Jacobs whom my grandmother met on March 19, 1918.

She records in her diary: "Tea with Katie and A. Waugh: Miss Jacobs, fiancée to Alec (Loom of Youth writer) there." A. Waugh was Arthur, the publisher, the father of

Evelyn and Alec. Two days later, my

grandmother is writing: "First time of sewing shrouds at Kensington." Such

are the juxtapositions of records of

life during the First World War. An

earlier entry, for March 16, 1917, showed a similar contrast, "Snow!

Horse goes on National Service to

Mr Curtis at Clapton. Revolution in

Russia!! Czar abdicates. Hunger riots

My grandmother was already a

widow in 1914. Always known as Lily,

she had been born Emily Savory, the

daughter of the rector of Camley, the

village next to where we still live in

Somerset. In the early 1880s she had

worked as a governess for the Pagett

family at Cranmore; she taught two of the great-aunts of Alexander Chan-

cellor, whose remarkable Pagett

mother died a few days ago in her

nineties. In his youth, Arthur Waugh

had been another Somerset neigh-bour at Midsummer Norton. Her

diary records this agreeable social life

throughout the war, when she was

still living in Somerset and later

when she went to London. It provides

a backdrop both to the events of the

war, and to the losses of the young

The spring of 1918 was the time

when the Allies came closest to losing

the war. In 1917, America had come in

but Russia had dropped out. The diary records the spring crisis. "March 21. Heavy fighting begins in France, March 24. Battle gets worse:

we retreat nearly to Amiens. Scott

[her brother's son] is in it. His

retreating squad lose all their bag-gage: he brings them through the bat-

sons of her family and friends.

and troops refused to shoot."

diversity is better

than British

uniformity, argues

Peter Riddell

he curse of British politics is centrally imposed uniformity. We have become used to national solutions and national standards. In practice, there are big variations in levels of service, but when something goes wrong, nat-ional politicians are expected to intervene. Not only does this produce absurdities, such as Gillian Shephard being involved in the future of one allegedly disruptive 10-year-old boy in Worksop, it has also inhibited

innovation and risk-taking. Tory as much as Labour governments are to blame. There has, admittedly, recently been more willingness to try out new ideas in social security and education, and the city challenges pioneered by Michael Heseltine have encouraged urban re-generation. But the limited pilot schemes here are timid compared to the variety of initiatives across the Atlantic. Whenever I visit America, I am struck by the vitality of policy thinking at local and state level. That is where the real debate is being con-ducted over parental choice of schools and workfare (tying benefits to atten-

dance at work training schemes). Of course, America is more diverse than Britain. State and local authorities directly finance more than ninetenths of public education: the reverse of the situation in Britain, where central government raises the bulk of the money and the Treasury likes to

The focus of British political debate and accountability is the centre, at Westminster. Ministers are held to account for local incidents. The consequent dilemmas were highlighted recently in Blair's Gurus by David Willetts, who this afternoon will have other, more mundane distractions at



the Standards and Privileges Committee. He argues that "in a unitary political state, people are very reluctant to accept genuine diversity". Central government also feels obliged to protect council taxpayers from "the lunacies of an incompetent council" by capping. Mr Willetts implicitly accepts that measures to reduce the amount raised locally (introduced by his own government since 1979) have weakened local democracy and diversity, so it is a bit rich to put the main blame on

Public sector reforms have been centrally driven and uniform. It is all or nothing. Some of the problems with the poll tax and the health service reforms could have been avoided if there had been pilot schemes. But ministers such as Kenneth Clarke have been reluctant, be-

cause teething problems are highlighted by opponents, as is happen-ing now over the workfare and nursery voucher trials. There is a very British fear of failure, of being blamed, when problems are inevitable with any experiment. Instead, we have had hurried pilot schemes. which have not had adequate time to

show whether they work.
The Government should instead be trying to encourage local diversity. This means challenging the public monopoly of provision. In America, there is less of a centrally imposed blueprint and more of a readiness to. involve the private sector. It has become a cliché of public service reform to talk of the 50 states as "laboratories of democracy", but they

do offer different approaches, particularly in welfare reform. The lead has come from Republi-

can governors such as Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, but some of the most innovative mayors are Democrats such as John Norquist of Milwaukee and Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore. The latter has talked of the need to "liberate American students from the public [state] school monopoly". I have yet to hear any Labour. politician talk in these terms. While school choice has been championed by the Right, much of the local pressure has come from blacks appalled by the low standards of big city schools. Vouchers, redeemable in private schools, have been allocated to poorer families by means-testing. More than 470 charter schools also now exist across the United States. Like grant-maintained schools, they

are independent within the public sector, receiving the average tuition costs for the area. But they are new schools, set up by teachers and parents, and often linked to businesses and voluntary bodies, and they compete with existing state schools. They have to meet performance targets but are non-selective. The main beneficiaries have been the poor and ethnic minorities.

The Government's Education Bill which has its Commons second reading today, gives grant maintained schools greater flexibility and allows the Funding Agency for Schools to set up new ones. But the Tories should go further and enable the creation of charter schools on local initiative to compete with exist. ing state schools, so breaking the local authority monopoly of publicly financed provision. Voucher trials could be extended to primary and secondary schools.

The Government is also moving on welfare reform. Last week it announced an extension of workfare from two initial pilot schemes to 30 areas. As in New York, there has been an immediate and substantial drop in the numbers claiming benefit - presumably people working in the black economy — and a much smaller rise in those taking jobs. Peter Lilley has been one of the few ministers prepared to experiment, within the constraints of laws requiring the same terms and conditions to apply to benefits nationally. This has now been amended and he has introduced pilot schemes offering in-work benefits for childless people (partly to test the effect on employers' policies on wage-setting) and help to lone parents to return to work. The latter for the first time involves the private sector, which will be paid by results.

There are questions about these proposals - how many people return to work permanently? - but it is only by experimenting that solutions will be found. This is not just about devolving power from the centre, but also about accepting the value of diyersity and competition in provision, as the Social Market Foundation has been urging. The gentle persons in Whitehall do not know best. It is time to look outside the public sector in education and welfare.

Stark challenge

AN UGLY street fight between the wards and tried to take him on. cheesy chat-show presenter Jonathan Ross and the Duchess of York's bête noire Allan Starkie was only narrowly avoided on Friday

Starkie, a former confidante of the duchess who has written a gruesome account of her private excesses, was a guest on Ross's show, recorded on Friday. He did not take kindly to his host's manner, so he collared him after-



Ross and Starkie rivals for the literary laurels

Court to bring an action for crimi-

Pizza Mutt is digging in, however, with terrier-like defiance, and insists that its logo of a dog holding a pizza is unique. "We will fight any challenge against us," barks John Pepperoni" Nash, the manager.

in a monthly evening at a pub in

"Starting at 6pm, we shall be Boozing for Blighty: time to let our hair down and socialise . . For the fundraising types, expect raffles. fancy dress parties and the like."

> Attendants froze like storks the other day in a Chichester bookshop where Norma Major was signing copies of her book on Chequers. A tubby, blazer clad man, who had queued patiently with the rest of them, leant forward and kissed the PM's wife when he reached her. Happily, it was Sir Colin Cowdrey, former England cricket captain and hero of John Major. "John will be so thrilled."

Indian Ink

Norma cooed.

IN AN INTERVIEW earlier this year, Felicity Kendal, who is regarded by some as a national trea-sure in the same league as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Winnie-the-Pooh and Ovaltine, said she was thinking of bringing the cur-tain down for good. For the first time," she said, "for the first time ever, I have thought I have on stage yet.

had enough. She is also planning to write her memoirs. At the party to celebrate



More please, Felicity

the opening of a terrific West End-production of Who's Afraid of Vir-ginia Woolf, she said she was toy-ing with the idea. The subject would be her early life in India would be her early life in India. where parents Geoffrey and Laura ran the touring theatrical company which inspired Merchant Ivory's first film, Shakespeare Wallah, It may be time to reminisce at 50, but I hope we'll see plenty more of her

AND THEN SILENCE

Our hope of peace for years to come

Two minutes' peace is little enough time to remember the multitudes who died for their country. Surviving veterans, widows and their families have lived with the loss every minute of every day for decades. But for those too young to have any experience of war, that two-minute vigil every year may be the only opportunity to recall, with reverence and with gratitude, a sacrifice they themselves are unlikely to be required to make. Why do we remember our war dead in this particular way: not just with parades. but with a silence? The ceremony at the Cenotaph is, with its noble simplicity, lacking all pomp, a more enduring legacy of Lord Curzon than his viceroyalty of India. But at the heart of that ceremony only silence can signify at once solemnity and intimacy, physical absence and metaphysical presence, mortality and eternity.

We commemorate, we mourn, we suffer in silence because these, the last things, are inexpressible in words. Silence lends a retrospective dignity to death which the cacophony of war denies it at the time. In wartime Goldsmith's "silent manliness of grief" is, all too often, the prerogative of women; they ensure that life goes on amidst death. To weep for the victims of war is necessary and right; but after the lamentations must come contemplation.

Silence is an immemorial mark of respect and of awe. The Ancient Greeks demanded if at all public ceremonies; they knew and valued the almost palpable presence of the divine when a great crowd falls silent. This numinous quality is largely absent from the Bible: the Jews never prayed thus until rabbinical times. But Jesus Himself does seem to have communed with God in silence, as well as aloud: in the wilderness,

in Gethsemane and on the Cross. The Christian hermits, monks and nuns of the late Roman and early medieval period developed the art of silent prayer, just as from the time of St Ambrose in the 4th century AD they learnt to read in silence. Having discovered the power of silence, the monastic orders took it in some cases to extremes, forbidding all but the most unavoidable verbal communication.

Yet their legacy of wordless worship survived into modern times, and not only in Catholic Europe: the Ouakers in Britain and the Pietists in Germany both attached supreme importance to that which our secularised, urbanised, overcrowded world, is more of a rarity than it once was. This is especially so at work, where first the Industrial Revolution and now that in communications have, for all their inestimable benefits, surrounded mankind with noise and chatter.

As a nation of individualists, the British are tentative about acts of collective solidarity: we have no Independence Day or Thanksgiving, no July 14. Yet the annual silence on Armistice Day unites us more profoundly, more sincerely, more gloriously than any celebration. In silent homage to its heroes, known and unknown, the nation interrupts its daily business - however important, however enjoyable. For a brief yet timeless moment, we recall not only our countrymen now alive, but the generations that have fought for our freedoms before us. In our awareness of the invisible links that bind us to our predecessors, and to our own posterity, we echo Psalm 90, as rendered by

"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come ..."

> Yours faithfully, JOHN WADHAM, Director, Liberty, 21 Tabard Street, SEL

STOP THE PACT

A loss of sovereignty is being agreed without debate

Today the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, attends an EU finance ministers meeting to discuss what could be the biggest transfer of sovereignty since the Maastricht treaty. This time there will be no three-line whips, no votes of confidence, no national debate and certainly no referendum. Quietly, almost secretively, the Government may acquiesce in a plan which could ultimately pass increased control over Britain's spending and taxation decisions to partners.

At stake is the so-called "stability pact", a reachanism designed to prevent profligate against the good name of their more prudent partners. Once there is a single interest rate. it would be tempting for, say, Italy to run up a large hudget deficit at lower rates than it would otherwise have to pay. Eventually this would cause the euro's interest rates to

rise, at the expense of the other members. To counteract this, Germany in particular wants a system which would fine countries that borrowed more than 3 per cent of their national income. They would have to pay sums amounting to many billions of pounds a year into a central fund as punishment for their extravagance. They would have no say: penalties would be exacted automatically.

Worse, as Bernard Connolly pointed out on the facing page last Friday, even countries that have chosen not to join the single currency will have to have their tax and spending plans approved by other members' finance ministers. They will be legally obliged to submit regular "reinforced convergence programmes" to prove that they are dedicated to meeting the convergence criteria on debt. deficits and inflation. drawn up in the Maastracht treaty - even though they have chosen to remain outside

the single currency. No far, there is no suggestion that

countries outside EMU could be fined if they failed to meet the criteria. But once it has been conceded that fiscal policy has to be drawn up to meet the approval of other European governments, it is a short step to their demanding the imposition of sanc-tions. If Britain tried to borrow large sums in the midst of a recession - as John Major did during his first years of government - while members of EMU decided stubbornly to stick with high levels of unemployment, it is easy to imagine their determination to

punish a transgression. Maastricht treaty. If the European governments wanted it, it should have been. Then it would have been subject to the debate, the votes and the ratification that the other elements of the treaty received. The House of Commons European legislation committee recommends that the pact regulations be debated on the floor of the House will the Government agree? When Maastricht was passed, the fiction was that the EU would not meddle with individual countries' tax and spending policies. Now that interference is being slipped in by the back door.

Mr Clarke has a chance today to make a principled case against interference by Brussels in the fiscal policies of national governments - and especially those of countries outside the single currency bloc. The stability pact in its present form would require the unanimous approval of every European government before it could go into effect. For Britain to block the stability pact now would make far more sense than noncooperation over beef earlier this year. Last Friday, talking about the working time directive, the Prime Minister said that good Europeans do not go with the herd but sound the alarm when something is wrong. It is time to sound the alarm.

TYSON TOPPLED

High time the invincible was conquered

What goes up must come down. In Las Vegas in the early hours yesterday, heavyweight boxing's undisputed king was depassed. The result was cheered to the rafters as much for being an astonishing surprise as anything else. But the real sense of satisfaction stemmed from the release of a feeling that was pent-up and perhaps not recognised by every boxing fan who felt it. Tyson has been at the top quite long enough: and he was never the ideal symbol to

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dominate any sport. Sporting celebrity provides a random scatter of role models for the young and impressionable. Once a man or woman is at the top, their every flaw and folible will at the very least be seen at close range on millions of screens. Life at the top may magnify defects: Tyson's hardly needed much magnilying to seem repellent. He went, unrepentant, to jail for raping a beauty queen; he emerged equally unrepentant and earned a huge sum of money for unremarkable lights in his first 18 months of freedom. His lifestyle paraded a sudden interest in Tolstoy and Marx, conversion to Islam, clusters of bodyguards and visits to "lap-dancing" bars in Manhattan. His style in and out of the ring suggested that he had never had time ar any distinction between violence and the

sport of boxing. Once every decade or two, a sport throws up an invincible. The ultimate challenge thrown down before the very greatest sportsmen is to combine civilised behaviour with ruthless competitiveness. Bjorn Borg not only outplayed John McEnroe on court but revealed himself to be the stronger character at resisting the temptations of tantrums. The austere sense of purpose which kept Jahangir Khan unbeaten on the squash court for almost a decade was a behaviour lesson in itself. Both Cassius Clay and Joe Louis dominated the boxing ring for years on end without ever displaying the venomous sadism which colours Mike Tyson's fighting persona.

The crowd roared when Evander Holyfield stood up to Tyson not only because a crowd loves an underdog, but because boxing fans never felt that Tyson belonged in the pantheon of heroes, however powerful a boxer he may be. Holyfield's own personality could have been chosen by an unseen author trying to make Tyson's downfall into a parable: Holyfield is as unassuming as Tyson is insistent on being in the world's face. Holyfield has made himself a true hero: only he and Clay have ever won back the world title twice. He even became a a hero to sportsmen of mature years everywhere by punching Tyson into incoherence at the ripe age of 34. Holyfield's victory has also ended the fixing of top heavyweight bouts in which Tyson was repeatedly provided with the weakest available opponents.

The world's andience harboured a sneaking feeling that all isn't right with boxing if a man like Tyson seems unbeatable. Many women may have felt that boxing's impresarios should not have indulged a convicted rapist. But since Tyson was allowed to fight, the next best thing was his

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Uncontrolled new powers for police

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, On November II the House of Lords will debate the Police Bill, which for the first time regulates the police use of listening devices.

It has been for a chief constable to authorise the placing of these devices on private property, and the rules for doing so have been secret. Although the rules are now contained in the Bill. police forces will still be able to authorise themselves to trespass on private property in order to place listening devices wherever they like, without needing the consent of a judge or magistrate, which would of course be necessary if the police wished to search our homes. Why does Michael Howard apparently think it is less invasive to place such a device in our living rooms or even our bedrooms than it is for the police to search them?

Furthermore, the legal test that the chief constable will have to consider before the police authorise themselves will be subjective. The Bill uses the words "thinks it necessary" as the test

for the use of a bug. These new powers will allow the police not only to plant devices but also, should they wish, to gather intelligence by snooping around the premises, reading correspondence and copying documents; and, unlike other such legislation, the Bill provides no special protection from an over-zealous chief of police for situations involving lawyers discussing matters with their clients, doctors with their patients or journalists with their

The complaints mechanism proposed within the Bill will be as ineffective as those for telephone tapping and surveillance by the secret services, which have never yet upheld one single complaint. I hope that their Lordships will consider carefully the implications for such inadequately controlled powers

November 8.

Magistrates' chairman

From Mr Alex Alagappa, JP Sir. I note that the Magistrates Asso-

ciation, which represents 29,000 Justices of the Peace, is divided on who should be elected as chairman trepon, October 31). The 29,000 magistrates will have no

say in the choice of chairman as the decision will be taken by the 110 members of the council. This outmoded and archaic system should be reviewed immediately, so that ordinary members can have a vote on this

If Mrs Anne Fuller, the present deputy chairman, is the most suitable candidate then she should be elected regardless of the fact that the association would then have its third consecutive female leader.

Yours faithfully ALEX ALAGAPPA. 1 Park Farm Close Pinner, Middlesex. November 5.

From Mr John Atwood, JP

Sir, I refer to your recent report on the forthcoming election of a new chairman of the Council of the Magistrates Association.

While not questioning the qualifications and good intentions of the pre-sent candidates, I wonder if one day we shall see someone elected to that office that clearly indicates to society that magistrates are genuinely drawn from all walks of life. Not for the foresecable future, I fear.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ATWOOD, 32 Wheatlands Park. Redcar, North Yorkshire. November 1.

Purpose of GCSE

From Sir Wilfred Cockcroft

Sir, You assert in your leading article. "The real prizes" (October 31), that the GCSE was "designed to cushion those who did not learn from the consequences of their failure". To my mind this casts a slur on the character and integrity of Sir Keith (later Lord) Joseph who, as Secretary of State for Education, oversaw the introduction of the new system of examinations merging O level and CSE.

His arguments at the time involved finding a way to replace a grading system based on percentages of candidates to be passed, and creating syllabuses to match the abilities of candidates (with limited grades for the less

He made clear in all his work on examinations that his aim was to design a school-leaving qualification which would show what most school-leavers knew, understood, and could do. whatever the extent of that knowledge might be. Whatever your view of the way the examination has developed, it was never Sir Keith's intention to cushion those who did not learn from the consequences of their actions.

Yours faithfully. WILFRED COCKCROFT (Chairman and Chief Executive, Secondary Examinations Council, The Old Rectory. Warmington, Banbury, Oxford.

November 4.

Oxford's choice and dons' autonomy

From Dr Dennis J. Farrington.

Sir, It is Oxford University's business to decide how it develops its curriculum, proposes to develop its campus and responds to offers of funding (letters, November 7). The real significance of the debate at Oxford is that there is a debate in the academic community at all.

If this were almost any other university run by a lay-dominated governing body, there would be no opportunity for the academic and equivalent staff to exercise control over its activities, as the Congregation has done over the Hebdomadal Council, its executive body.

My experience as a university administrator leads me to believe that there is a growing opinion in universities that we should turn the clock back to the days when the professional academic community had ultimate control over planning and development.

A principal cause of the near-collapse of higher education in this country is the inability of professionals, other than through the wholly unnecessary and confrontational medium of industrial action, to resist government attacks on funding and the introduction of excessive layers of bureaucracy, audit and assessment, just as in the National Health Service. Margaret Thatcher's Government can be blamed for much of this but both major political parties when in power have agreed to university constitutions which concentrate real power in

Sound administration and management of resources, with external, un-paid advice from suitably qualified

people, is of course both necessary and welcome. But if a university is not "community of scholars" asserting its autonomy, deciding its own policies and exercising responsible con-trol over resources, then what is it? The answer to that question may perhaps form the basis of Sir Ron Dearing's review.

Yours sincerely.
DENNIS FARRINGTON,
2) Ochlochy Park, Dunblane, Perthshire. November 8.

From Mr Nicholas Morris

Sir, Oxford men and women who have gone on to careers in business will have learned with incredulity and despair of Congregation's vote putting in jeopardy proposals for a business school in the heart of Oxford which the generosity of Mr Wafic Said would make possible. It shows a truly depressing attitude in a great university to its obligations in today's world. Many of us have contributed to the

university's recent appeal, the Campaign for Oxford, because we want to see our university maintain its standing as a centre of excellence renowned throughout the world. Those who voted against the proposal should ponder whether this is the way to sustain that position or to retain the support of its

Yours faithfully, N. G. U. MORRIS, Woodfield House. Oxford Road, Clifton Hampden, Oxfordshire. November 6.

Libraries' bid for funds

From Ms Anne Campbell, MP for Cambridge (Labour) and others

Sir, Monday, November II, is the deadline for the submission of bids for Millennium Commission funding. One of the bids submitted, by Information for All, a company established by the Library Association and the Library and Information Commission, is for the provision of at least one computer terminal in every library in the UK to provide access to electronic information services such as the In-

We already live in an era where only the privileged minority have access to computers and where an even smaller number of people are fortunate enough to be connected to information on the Internet. Direct action is needed if we are to stem the growth of an information underclass and a society in which a significant part of the workforce is unable to access the computer skills necessary to keep our nation competitive. Already some 45 per cent of libraries in the US have Internet access - at present only 3 per cent

of libraries are linked-up in the UK. Information for All's bid will ensure

that everyone, whoever they are and

wherever they live, will have access to the full range of electronic information services, whether for personal use, or for business, training or further education. It will also ensure that those who have never before operated a computer will have access to training by properly qualified library staff. There is undoubtedly strong compe-

tition for millennium funding, and the commissions's task of selecting the most deserving bids is by no means enviable. However, if Information for All's bid is successful, then we shall see an end to the growing division between the information "haves" and have nots", and a new and important beginning for the public library service as we enter the next century.

Yours etc. ANNE CAMPBELL (Labour). DSFANNA CUNNINGHAM (Scottish National Party), NIGEL EVANS (Conservative). GLENDA JACKSON (Labour), ROBERT McCARTNEY (UK Unionist). ROBERT MACLENNAN (Liberal Democrat). JON OWEN JONES (Labour), House of Commons, November 8.

Biblical cargoes

From Mrs Rosemary Wilkinson

Sir, It is unlikely that John Masefield was quite as prescient as Mr Clive Thomas believes (letters, November 4) when he wrote "Quinquireme of Nineveh from distant Ophir". He was clearly referring to the cargoes described in the Bible.

The King James version has many references to ships carrying ivory. apes and peacocks, sandalwood, cedarwood and wine — as, for example. Kings x, 22. Ophir is referred to in the 45th Psalm and I Kings ix, 28 as a

source of ivory and gold. It is interesting how the Uluburum wreck, which can be so precisely dated to around 1316 BC from the firewood on board, shows that the Bible gives us some factual records of these ancient times.

Yours faithfully. ROSEMARY WILKINSON, 27 Blackbrook Park Avenue, Fareham, Hampshire. November 7.

C. S. Lewis celebrated

From Mr Michael Ward

Sir, In a leading article on November 2 you applauded the vision of Richard Hooker, the 16th-century theologian. It is appropriate that on the same page your correspondent Mrs Pamela Strachan should have suggested a celebration of Hooker's modern-day equivalent, C. S. Lewis, whose centenary falls in 1998. I am pleased to report that such a celebration is already being planned.

A large conference will be held in Oxford, books will be published, and the President of Magdalen, Lewis's old college, has agreed in principle to the erection of a commemorative In addition, the Royal Mail has de-

cided to issue a set of centenary Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL WARD (Centenary Secretary, Oxford University C. S. Lewis Society), The Kilns, Lewis Close, Oxford. November 4.

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Decline of song thrush

From Dr Mark Avery and Dr Stephen Baillie

Sir, Chemicals which are used to kill slugs and snails could be causing the decline of the song thrush (report. November 6); but so could many other factors, such as the loss of hedgerows. the switch from pasture to arable farming, the effects of predators, increasing road traffic and the use of pesticides in general. Our organisations are investigating these and other possible causes in a joint, three-year research project.

Song thrush numbers have declined by more than half in the past 25 years to about one million pairs. They are still as widespread, but there are fewer of them, and the rate of decline is very worrying. We believe that, as with other once-common farmland birds, such as the skylark, the most likely cause of falling numbers is changes in farming methods from mixed to more specialised and intensive farming.

Yours faithfully, MARK AVERÝ (Head of Conservation Science), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, STEPHEN BAILLIE (Director of Populations Research). British Trust for Ornithology. c/o RSPB. The Lodge. Sandy, Bedfordshire. avember 7.

From Mr Andrew Nahum

Sir. Your report today about the link between the declining song thrush population and the increasing use of anti-slug chemicals suggests that the presence in the soil of organic residue from oil seed rape crops is a reason for the increase in slug population. This may be so. However, the in-

crease is also an unanticipated effect of environmental concern. Moves in the past few years to stop the burning of stubble from cereal crops have led to the chopped straw being ploughed into the land. This stubble forms part of the large annual additional contribution to the slug diet.

Ironically, the straw eventually rots down to release carbon dioxide and the putative total contribution to global warming is probably the same as if it had been burnt.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW NAHUM, 19 Chalcot Road, NW1. November 6.

Weather forecasts: still none the wiser

From Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster Sir, I have much sympathy with those

who have difficulty remembering the key elements of radio weather forecasts (letters, November 2, 5). Mariners and yachtsmen are fortu-nate in being provided with the Ship-ping Forecast which, being delivered in a schematic way, area by area, element by element, allows retention of the facts. Television forecasts rely

largely on graphic presentation — what Miss Charlton or Mr Fish say is secondary if not totally ignored. It's those ordinary radio forecasts which are so difficult to grasp because they do not follow a set format and allow for conversational "ad libbing". I have to concede, however, that Mr John Humphrys did not tax my memory unduly the other day when he announced on Radio 4 that "you'll get a

bit of everything today", even if I was no wiser as to the weather to expect in Yours faithfully. JOHN WEBSTER, Old School House, Soberton, Hampshire. November 5.

From Ms Sheila Warner

Sir, There seems to me to be an increasing tendency for broadcasters to refer to the weather forecast as a weather report, and to spend more time telling us what we have had, rather then what we will get.

In economic forecasting it is essential to understand the past in order to forecast the future but, while I may congratulate Bognor Regis on having achieved the most hours of sunshine today, I really need to know whether I will require an umbrella in Norwich tomorrow.

Yours faithfully, SHEILA WARNER, European Industrial Forecasting Ltd, 252 Goswell Road, ECI. November 5.

From Mr George Slade

Sir, Come the afternoon, clouds WILL bubble-up FROM thee west AND heavy fog WILL be followed BY pulses OF rain AND temperatures WILL be a touch above average.

No wonder Mr Ainley's concentration is tested (letter, November 2). He is not alone.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE SLADE, n Penhayes Road. Kenton, Exeter, Devon. November 3.

Church traditions

From the Reverend Andrew P. de Berry

Sir. In the wake of Hereford and more especially Lincoln, with its dean and sub-dean remaining at loggerheads. the loss of their autonomy by the cathedrals (report, November 6) is a necessary development. In such circumstances the freehold becomes a menace and 900 years of tradition need to he swent aside

But the real issue to challenge our beleaguered Anglican Church is the arrogance that arises from our traditions. From our archbishops down to many of us, the dergy, we have forgotten that service is our role, if not our sole raison d'être.

With its new logo (report, October 29), and innovative councils attempting reform, the Church of England is trying to drag itself into a semblance of modernity. But unless we the clergy address the inherent arrogance that comes with our traditions, nothing will change.

Yours etc. ANDREW de BERRY (Member, MSF Executive, Clergy Section). The Vicarage, Southwell Road, Thurgarton. Nottinghamshire. November 7.

Pacific poem

From Mr Keith J. Virgo

Sir, We should congratulate Daniel Wilson, the 21-year-old student from St Anne's, Lancashire, on his initiative and his subsequent appointment as poet laureate to Kiribati (report. November 1). However, as the name of this South Pacific republic (not a British Protectorate as reported) is pronounced Kiribass, the last word of the penultimate line of his initial poem will need to be changed from "see". perhaps to "possess":

About all the things that they possess And which makes them feel so fortunate to live in Kiribati.

Your faithfully, KEITH J. VIRGO, Pettets Farm, East Green. Great Bradley, Newmarket, Suffolk. November 3.

Court briefing

From Ms Glenda Clarke

Sir. Mr Justice Blackburne, during a High Court trial (report, November 7). asked a barrister to explain the lottery to him as he had never bought a ticket Could he not have informed himself

about this in his own time, before

starting work for the day? Yours faithfully. GLENDA CLARKE. 24 Pembroke Crescent. Hove, East Sussex.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 9: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Duke of York, The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, The Duke of Kent, and Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, were also present. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 9: The Princess Royal. Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and Australia at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 9: The Prince of Wales this morning flew to Kyrgyzstan and was received in Bishkek by the

And was received in bishick by the State Secretary (Mr Ishinbay Abdurazakov). His Royal Highness called on the Mayor of Bishkek (Or Boris Silaev) and afterwards visited the Leninski Rayon Home for the Elderly. The Prince of Wales later visited the New Born and Pre-

mature Babies Hospital.

His Royal Highness this afternoon was received by President Akaev and, accompanied by The President, visited the Manas Auly exhibition site, was shown traditional Kyrgyz dancing, music and sports and attended a

The Prince of Wales later visited the Osh Market and afterwards attended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Ambassador at the Goverriment Guest House for mem-bers of the British community in

Kyrgyzstan. His Royal Highness this evening flew to Uzbekistan and was received on arrival by the Foreign Minister (Mr Abdulaziz Kamilov). BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh laid Wreaths at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day. Wreaths were also laid by The Duke of York and The Duke of

The Princess Royal, accompa-

Birthdays today engagements

Professor T.E. Allibone, physicist, 93; Mrs Jane Barker, former finance director, London Stock Exchange, 47; Mr Harry Bramma. Director, Royal School of Church Music, 60: Lord Carr of Hadley. 80; Rear-Admiral Sir Nigel Cecil, 71: Lord Dainton, FRS, 82: Mr Jonathan Fenby, Editor. The South China Morning Post, 54; Mr Ron Greenwood, former Eng-land football manager. 75; Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, 66; Lord Harold Kent, QC, 93: Sir Alister Kneller, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 69: Mr Rodney Marsh, cricketer, 49; Miss Demi Moore. actress. 34; Miss Cristina Odone, former Editor, Catholic Herald, 36; Dr Indraprasad Patel, former Director, London School of Economics and Political Science. 72: Mr Terence Rooney, MP. 4n: Mr Richard Rowe, racehorse trainer, 37; Mr John Sheffield, former chairman, Norcros, 83; Sir Peter Shepheard, architect, 83: General Sir Walter Walker. 84: Miss June Whitfield, actress, 71: Lord Wolfson, 69.

Memorial service

The Rev Dr Eric Heaton A memorial service for the Rev Dr Eric Heaton. Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 1979-1991. was reld on Saturday in Christ Church Cathedral. The Very Rev John Drury, Dean, officiated. Professor Christopher Brooke, FBA, gave an

RN, and Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, were present dur-

ing the Ceremony.

The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards took the Salute at the March Past of Ex-Servicemen on Horse Guards Parade.

The Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport this evening upon the Arrival of The President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Mrs Mkapa and welcomed them on behalf of The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 10: The Prince Edward. Patron, National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, this evening at-tended the Fortieth Anniversary Gala Performance at the Piccadilly Theatre, London WI, followed by a Supper at the Royal Garden Hotel. Kensington, London W8. CLARENCE HOUSE

November 10: A wreath was laid on behalf of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Major Charles MacEwan at the Cenotaph on the occasion of Remembrance Day. ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 10: The Prince of Wales this morning attended a Remem-brance Day Service in the gardens of the Residence of Her Majesty's Ambassador at Tashkent.
His Royal Highness this after-

noon flew to Samarkand and was received by the Hokim of Sam-arkand Oblast (Mr Mardiev) before making a tour of the sites of KENSINGTON PALACE

November 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this morning attended a Service for Remembrance Sunday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Stannington, Northumberland, THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 10: Princess Alexandra Patron of Leeds Castle Foundation. accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening at-tended a Reception for pensioners of the Foundation and the 21st Anniversary Dinner given by the Trustees at Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (the Lord Kingsdown, KG).

Today's royal

The Queen and the Duke of Edin-Tolhurst Centre for berland, at U.25.

Reception

Kuwait British Friendshin

Sheika Suad Al Sabah was present at a reception held on Thursday. November 7, at Claridges Hotel to launch the Kuwait British Friendship Society. The Ambassador of Kuwait and Sir Dennis Walters, Joint Chairmen, were the speakers. The Right Hon Jeremy Hanlev. MP. Ambassadors, Members of both Houses of Parliament and many other friends were among

Northern Ireland Li Col Robert Finlay Carnegie Andrew, R Irish; Li Col Wayne

burgh attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 to mark the 25th anniversary of the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council. The Duke of York visits HM Bark Endeavour, Castlegate Quay, Stockton-on-Tees at 10.40: as pa-tron, visits Aycliffe Young People's Centre, Newton Aycliffe, Co Dur-ham, at 1150; St Theresa's Hospice, Harewood House, Darling-ton, at 250; and Faverdale Technology Centre, Darlington, at 3.40. The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, attends a corporate members' reception at Buckingham Palace at 2.50: and, as Patron of Victim Support. attends the annual meeting at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, at 4.30. Princess Margaret opens Eric organisations at Blyth, Northum-

QGM Sgt lain Andrew Harris, Royal Marines.

Highlanders.

By MARCUS BINNEY

ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH HERITAGE is complet-

ing an exemplary restoration of the

front hall of Kenwood House to the

north of Hampstead Heath, Unexpect-

edly, the Robert Adam decoration is

emerging in fresh, pretty blues and

greens. These contrast with the usual

Details of awards for gallant

and distinguished service in Northern Ireland and the

former Republic of Yugoslavia:

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Maj Michael Mansfield McGowan, R Anglian; WO Cl 2 Richard Christopher Molloy, RRW; WO Cl 1 John Naylor, R

Signals; WO Cl 2 Christopher

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David Anthony Selmes, R Irish;

Sqn Ldr Paul David Stewart, RAF; Maj Robert James Towns,

Richard Harber, R Irish.

OCB Cpl Steven Allan Close, RRW: Cpl Robert Derek Lloyd, R Signals: Capt Andrew Grahame Maclean, RA: Sgt Robert McCabe. RS: Cpl Linda Jane McHugh, RAF: Sgt Simon Michael Wright, Royal Marines.

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Painters put their finishing touches to the ceiling of the front hall of Kenwood House in Hampstead, now transformed in blues and greens

Adam masterpiece emerges in fresh colours

stone colours found in 18th-century

entrance halls and derive, English

Heritage believes, from a last-minute

decision in 1772 by the owner. Lord Mansfield, to use the entrance hall as

a dining room. Originally Adam intended to decorate the hall with the

military trophies often used, but

added emblems of Bacchus and Ceres.

Armed Forces honours

Staffords: Capt Christopher Allan Bremner, Highlanders; Maj Sean Michael Burke, PWRR; Maj Fred-

erick James Chedham, R Gloues, Berks and Wilts: WO Cl 2 Peter Richard Cooke, R Marine: WO Cl

2 Mark Derek Costen, RE; the Rev David George Coulter, Chaplain to Forces 3rd Cl.

PO Ian Nathan Drakeley, Sgt Muriel Anne Ellis, R Irish Regi-ment: Maj Peter David Fraser-Hopewell, RS: Colour Sgt Philip Gallie, King's Own Border, Colour Sgt David John Gallivan, RRW; Sgt Stephen Andrew Hall, RAF; Colour Sgt Barry Edward Harris, PWRR: Maj Christopher Anthony Luckham, PWRR, Capt. Angus

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Alexander Ogilvy-Wedderburn, BW; Sgi Gordon Alexander Pear-son. BW; Cpl Carl Merrick Preece.

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RE: Master at Arms Kenneth William Rodgers, RN.

Bowden, RS: Capt William Charles Thomson, RS Cpl Peter

Watts, R Signals; Staff Sgt Michael Charles White, King's Own Bor-

der: Sgr Stephen Andrew Wil-liams, AG Corps (RMP).

Former Republic

Lt Col Robert Logan Scott-

Juliet West of English Heritage

Maj David Hugh Meyer, AAC.

Maj Jan Paul De Vos, LI; Pte Mathew Geoffrey Mitchell, LI.

Tpr Michael Braithwaite, LD; L/Cpl Dominic James Glyde, RE; Cpl Ilija Lazic, RAMC.

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Capt Paul Anthony Edward Nanson, RRF, Staff Sgt Michael John Phillips, REME: Maj Robert Duncan Stewart Polley, LD: Sqn Ler Sean Keith Paul Reynolds RAF: Col Andrew Stephenson Ritchie, Late RA; Maj (Actg Lt Col) Jonathan David Show, Para; Cpi Joanne Hazel Tambiyn. AGC (SPS)(V): Lt Jan Richard Van De Pol, LD: Col Peter Anthony Wall, Late REME: Col Malcolm David Wood, Late RLC.

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Service dinners The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (FA) Colonel M.P. Robinson presided at

the annual dinner of the 4th Battalion The King's Own York-shire Light Infantry Officers' Club held on Saturday at Minden House, Pontefract.

Leeds Rifles Major R.M. Booker presided at the annual remembrance dinner of Officers of the Leeds Rilles (Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) held last night at

Harewood Barracks, Leeds. ...

Dinner

said: "When the room was last

redecorated in 1973, it was painted a

mustardy yellow, following rudimen-

tary scrapes. What they found, was, in fact, an undercoat for a later coat of

graining." Helen Hughes, who has

done the research for English Heri-

tage, has used laboratory tests to

identify the original pigments used.

The research shows that just four

Lamb Building On Thursday, November 7, past and present members of the Chambers of Mr Ami Feder held a dinner at Trinity House in honour mark his retirement as Head of Chambers. Mr Justice Potts and Judge Leonard Krikler were among those who spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis de Bougainville, navigator and scientist, Paris, 1729; Pyodor Dostoyevsky, novelist, Moscow, 1821; Paul Signac, painter, pioneer of Pointillism, Paris 1832 Goston Batton Association Paris, 1863; George Patton, Ameri-can general of the Second World War, San Gabriel, California, 1885; lain Macleod, politician, Skipton, Yorkshire, 1913. DEATHS: Johann Zoffany, painter. London, 1810; Sören Kier-

kegaard, philosopher, Copen-hagen, 1885; Thomas Trollope, writer, Clifton, Avon, 1892; Sir Edward German, composer, London. 1936; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert,

writer and politician, 1971. The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, was unveiled and an Unknown Warrior was buried in Westminster Abbey, 1920.

Forthcoming marriages *

Mr M.R. Ash and Miss V.K. Lyon

The engagement is announced between Michael Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Ash, of Cambridge Square, London W2, and Vera Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr Michael Lyon, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Valerie Lyon, of Northwich, Cheshire.

Mr P.J. Brown and Miss P.L.M. Hayday

The engagement is announced between Philip John, son of Mr and Mrs T.S. Brown, of Blakelaw. Newcastle, and Philippa Lucy.
Moffar, daughter of Mr A.V.
Hayday and the late Mrs Anne
Hayday, of Minety, Wilshire. Mr T.H. Colman

and Miss O. Segura Cantero The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Colman, of Norwich Norfolk, and Orilia, daughter of Captain Enrique Segura.
Garcia, Spanish Navy, and Mrs. Otilia Cantero Junrez, of Las-

Palmas de Gran Canaria. Captain S.W. Rayson and Dr M.M.S. Lang-Anderson The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr Sidney Pavey, of Chard. Somerset, and of Mrs Shirley Winter, of Wellington, Somerset, and stepson of the late Mr Ernest Rayson, and or me sare wir Ernest Kayson, and Maria, daughter of the late Mr Robert Lang-Anderson and of Mrs Elda Lang-Anderson, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Mr R. Thursfield and Miss C. Wilks

and Miss C. What The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Thursfield, of Hodges Farm, Lower Froyle, and Catherine, daughter of Mrs W. Wilks, of Elm Cottage, Newnham Green, and the late Mr William Maurice Wilks.

Marriages

Mr J. Harries and Miss K. Metters

The marriage mok place on Sat-urday, November 2, at Christ Church, West Wimbledon, of Mr John Harries to Miss Katharine Metters. The Rev Celia Thomson

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Dr Jeremy Metters, and was attended by Lindsay Harries. Mr Steven Ellion was

. The reception was held at Great Fosters Hotel, Egham, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr S.W. Pearson and Miss F.M. Gorman

The marriage of Simon Pearson and Fiona Gorman took place quietly in London on November 9. Mr P. Simon and Miss B. Gonsalves

The marriage took place on Sat-turday at Sr Mary's Church, Caterham, of Mr Paul J. Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Stan Simon, of Guernsey, to Miss Belinda Gonsalves, daughter of Mr and Mrs Manuel Constancio Gonsalves, of London N19.

Nature notes

SONG thrushes started singing again last week, mostly in the early morning. They are beginning to stake out their territories for next spring Grey herons have dispersed throughout the countryside. feeding by rivers and lakesides, and in ditches in the fields. If a powerful adult male finds a good site, it will drive all other herons off.

pigments were mixed in white lead to

create all the colours in the room,

including the purple background for the ceiling medallion. These were blue

verditer, maple yellow, carmine red and Prussian blue. They were used in

different proportions for walls, doors,

and ceilings. No gold leaf was used and all the architectural trim was

painted in white, save for the skirtings.

Spanish prize

ory and culture.

Professor awarded

Sir John Elliott, Regius Professor of History and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, has received the Principe de Asturias Prize for Social Sciences for his contribution to the promotion of Spanish hist-

The prize, Spain's highest aca-demic award, follows Professor

Ellion's investiture by the Spanish Prime Minister last month with

the Grand Cross of the Order of Isabel: la Católica. He is best known for his Imperial Spain

1469-1716, published more than 30 years ago, and his more recent The

Count - Duke of Olivares (1986).

A number of grey phalaropes have been seen by stretches of water in different narts of Britain: these small waders from the far north were probably blown in from the Atlantic on their way to West Africa.

Trees have a drabber look: many of the leaves that are clinging on are a faded yellow or brown. Some wild rose bushes are still very colourful, with crimson leaves and scar-

let hips. Flowers that can still



Heron and its prey

be seen here and there include small, lonely trumpets of field bindweed on grassy banks, and wild angelica alongside: reed beds. The heavy brown clubs of bulrush, or great reed mace, are crumbling into fluffy white seed.

Salmon are going up the rivers to reach their spawning grounds in the pebbly shallows, while eels are going down river to the sea. DJM

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FLINT - On November 8t 1996, to Mary-Jane (use Tacchi) and Rupert, daughter, Molly Imogen.

DEATHS

BIRTHS

AMDREW - joan (née Whatley), who has died in Cheshire aged 85, used to live in Lowestott, Oxferd and Suásez. She is much mouraed, especially by her husband, her two daughters and her won-in-law. Funeral at Chester Crematorium November 15th at 230 pm. Flowers - please ring (01829) 733808.

CROUCH - Waiter, aged 79. Or 31st October (served in 12th Roya) Lancers). Bemeinbered with much love by Iris, Ame and Roger.

DEVERELL - On November 8 1996, Helen Margaret, aged 87. peacefully, after unstinting care at Tower House, Shiplake, Coungeous widow of Dev. Much loved mother of the late john, and of Bill and Mark. Devoted grandmother of Christopher, Sall - Rob. Surah and grandmother or Caracognus. Sally, Rob, Sarah and Micholas and adoring great grandmother of Coanie and grandmother of Counce and Sam and Jack Funeral emusicies to Tomalin & Son Telephone (01491) 573370. Family flowers, only. Donations (if desired) to

DEATHS

EYMARD - Suddenly at Westera General Hospital, Edinburyà on November 7th 1996 Sarah Clare Eymard, nee Braithwalte, aged 54 years, much loved wife of Francis, beat friend and mother of Fabienne and

Azminster, Devon EX13 SAD.

REITH-LUCAS - Professor
Bryan, on 7th November
1996, peacefully in hospital
at Canterbury. Much loved
husband of Mary, father of
jane, Peter and Polly and his
nine grandchildren. Funeral
service at 1.30pm on Friday
15th November at Wye
Parish Church, Ashford,
Lent. Private Cremation. No
flowers but donations to The
Council for the Protection of
Huzal England, Coldharbour
Farm, Wye.

McCRAE - Pencefully at Main

Francis, best friend and mother of Fablenne and much missed daughter, sister and sunt. Service at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh on Thursday November 14th at 3 pm. Private committal. No flowers please but donations if desired to LTU. Fund, Western General Hospital.

Hospital

FOSS - On November 6th
peacefully in the Royal
Brompton Hospital Group
Captain Pattick Saw Foss
OBE aged 82 years, dearly
loved by all his family.
Private Cremation.
Thanksgiving Service at
Kimingson Parish Church,
ar. Azminster, on Thumday
November 14th at 3 pm.
Family flowers only,
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Son, Maryhnoll, Lyme Street,
Azminster, Devon EX13 SAU.

KEITH-LUCAS - Professor

Farm, Wyo.

McCRAE - Pencefully at Malin Court Turnberry on November 6th 1996, Alister Geddes NcCrae C.B.E. Beloved husband of Nozah and the lote Marguret, loving father of Graham and grandfather of Flom and Angus. Service of Thanksgiving at Killearn Kirk on Wednesday November 13th at 12 noon.

GREGAN - In Cape Farms on October 3rd 1996 Martin syed 63. Former Chairman of Air Europa A Memorial Mass to be held at St joseph's Catholic Church, High Street, Harrow Weald, Midds, on Friday November 15th 1996 at 10 am.

Midda, on Friday November 15th 1996 at 10 am. ROSERTS - Douglas Arthur (Doug) a much loved husbhad of Sheita died peacefully on the 7th November 1996, at The Lyme Begis Nursing Home, Donset after a long illusts. Funeral service will take place at Yeoril Crematorium on Wednesday 13th Rovember at 12 noon. No Rowers please, Donations to the Alzheimers Disease Society, CAO Af. Wakasy & Sons, 7A, Silver Street, Lyme Regis, Donset.

SMEMORES - On November 6th after a long illness Erigadier. Alan Simmons of Genrand, isle of Wight, very dearly loved and missed by Edma, Funeral service at St. Mildreds Church Whippingham, Ess Cowes, on Wednesday November 13th at 3 pm. Flowest or donations for Parkinsons Disease Society to F1. Lioyd Funeral Directors, Bridge Read, Cowes. 10.W. SMEMUS - On November 5th 1996, William Erneat Ragnall aged 54 years of Colyton, Devon Rooksellar of Lincoln's Inn, Beloved father and grandfather. Funeral service to be held at

snown - rainp | Brown | 1. - A service of Thankspiring for the life of Philip | Brown | 1. - A service of Philip | Brown | 1. - A service of Philip | Brown | 1. - A service of Philip | Brown | 1. - A service | Marsh & McLennan | Bearon & Marsh & McLennan | Alexand | Brector of The Bowring Group, will be held at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London, EC3 at 11.30 aron | Wethnesday 13th November 1996. IN MEMORIAM -WAR

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LORD SHERFIELD

Lord Sherfield, GCB, GCMG, FRS, Ambassador to Washington, 1953-56, and Persuanent Secretary to the Treasury, 1956-59, died on November 9 aged 92. He was born on February 3, 1904.

distinguished off-stage figure for the latter half of the 20th century Lord Sherfield was a mandarin who enjoyed success in a wide range of activities. As Sir Roger Makins, in addition to his Washington and Treasury posts he was chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority, 1960-64. Prime ministers regarded him as an istanding draftsman of international

agreements. He sorted out the mess in Iran after Mossadegh seized the oil wells and mapped out an acceptable international arrangement. The Colombo Plan extending the economic umbrella in Asia owed much to him, too.

When retirement came in Whitehall he took on a clutch of directorships, mostly financial, became widely involved in education and took to farming 1,000 acres. His work in the House of Lords for science attracted attention. As chairman of the scientific committee he produced two reports on the future of science that were so significant that the Royal Society elected him, at 82, a Fellow, an honour given sparingly to non-scientists. He was responsible for something close to his heart, the setting out of how scientific developments should be processed through the corridors of Whitehall to give maximum impetus to their future. It was readily adopted.

Sherfield was a commanding, erect igure standing oft 4in. With balding dark hair and thick beetle brows he had the look of an eagle. For him, life was for living, and certainly for enjoying. For his 90th hirthday he invited several hundred friends and relatives to climb the massive white marble stairs to the baliroom at Darmouth House, Mayfair, for a dance that went on till the early hours.

Roger Mellor Makins was the son of Brigadier Sir Ernest Makins, from whom he inherited a fine collection of Pre-Raphaelite pictures. At Winchester he flew effortlessly through examinations. At Oxford the late Lord Franks, a contemporary, just one year younger, remembered him as a slow starter until his third year at Christ Church when he ran the commentoration ball and, overnight, his name was on everybody's lips. Invitations to country house weekends became very numerous and were welcomed especially when they were to the Scottish Borders, which he loved. As well as being a good dancer he and ambassadors crossed the oceans in would rise at 4pm and retire when the

held his own on the tennis court and was a useful shot.

examination, passing out top in his year.

the Foreign Office was spent in the United States: His first posting there was as third secretary in 1931. There he met Alice Davis at a ball and after a few years of courtship, made difficult by distances. they married in 1934. She was living on the other side of the world, acting as hostess to her father, Dwight Davis, who was Governor of the Philippines (and is best remembered as the donor of the Davis Cup for tennis). She was a wonderfully supportive wife in all her husband's activities, as well as bearing him six children.

Makins had an unusual war but one that was beneficial to his career. When the Earl of Swinton was posted to West Africa as a Minister Resident there, Sherfield was sent as his Foreign Office assistant. Soon he was doing the same job for Harold Macmillan in Algiers and Tunis. He and Macmillan became good friends. In 1944, with the Allied armies advancing through Italy, he was moved to be the Foreign Office man there. Macmillan, as he confided to his diary, felt the loss of such an able subordinate deeply.

Clouds were gathering over relationships with the US over atomic energy. The crux of the problem was that the 1943 Quebec agreement between Roosevelt and Churchill did not have the force of a legal agreement. Thus Makins found himself in charge of a situation for the better part of a decade that, had it gone sour, would

His diplomatic career coincided with the end of an era when Cabinet ministers

He came down from Oxford with a good first in modern history in 1925, having been elected a Fellow of All Souls in that year. He began reading law and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1927. He never practised instead, he took the Foreign Office

Most of his diplomatic career outside

In the decade after the Second World War Makins's main tasks were dealing with the economic side of the Foreign Office and with the growing concern over the share of atomic development between Britain and the US. He was made chairman of a committee on atomic energy set up by the Prime Minister, Clement Anlee, and reporting direct to him. Makins pulled it round from being a rudderless wreck to be a powerful voice within Government. It all involved much travelling to the US with the Prime Minister and other ministers.

have done untold transatiantic damage. He was appointed KCMG in 1949.

great ships, rich in luxury, food and entertainment. He sailed the Atlantic on the Queen liners several times with both Attlee and Churchill. They gave him no trouble, but some Cabinet ministers did. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, caused particular problems.

Bevin was captivated by the ship's night life, the dancing, the cabaret, the uppercrust bingo. To the former trade union official it was a life beyond dreams and he determined to make the most of it. He band played its last note, usually somewhere about 4am. Cripps, by contrast, deplored what he saw as the decadence of shipboard life and would retire to his stateroom at Spm and get up at 5am. Makins, desperate to get the two ministers to work on their papers in prepara-

the same time. As President Truman hade his farewells and Dwight D. Eisenhower waited to take office as President, he was

tion for conferences in New York and

Washington, found that there was only

one hour in the day when both were up at

appointed Ambassador to Washington. He had known Eisenhower well while serving in Africa with Macmillan. Within 48 hours of her arrival his wife was giving her first dinner party at the Embassy, the guest list including both Churchill and Truman.

Conversation was as good as the champagne. In audacious mood Churchill asked the outgoing President if he had decided on his answer for the Day of Judgment when they would both be asked to account for their dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan. Much shuffling of words and arguments followed. Both agreed they would favour judgment by their peers - a jury consisting of among others Socrates, Aristotle and Alexander the Great. The evening ended with Truman taking over the piano and

everyone joining in the singing.

Makins's period in Washington was very successful. He and his wife got on famously with the president, and this helped right down through the Administration. But all did not end happily. Whether by accident or design, Makins was on the ship returning to England when Britain and France embarked on the Suez fiasco in 1956. The homecoming Ambassador knew nothing of it, having had no warning in advance from either the Prime Minister, Anthony Eden, or the Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd. The Americans and the President in particular were furious. It took some time — and the fall of Eden - for relations to be repaired.

Makins, who had been appointed KCB in 1953 and advanced to GCMG in 1955. returned to London to become Joint Permanent Secretary to the Treasury with Lord Normanbrook, the Head of the Home Civil Service. He was to take charge of the financial and economic side of the Treasury. The Chancellor of the Exchequer responsible for this unusual arrangement was Harold Macmillan. very soon to be the new Prime Minister.

This period at the Treasury was, in the upshot, the least successful of Roger Makins's career. Peter Thorneycroft was the new Chancellor and he called for advice more on Sir Leslie Brown, eminently qualified on the economic side, and a man who had served in the private office of three Prime Ministers. There had been deep resistance within the Treasury when a Foreign Office man was brought in at the top.

But the Prime Minister, even when things began to go wrong, stood by his choice, later offering Makins the job of Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Office. He turned it down, becoming instead from 1960 (when he was advanced

to GCB) to 1964 chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority. He saw it as an exciting, coming industry. There were also international aspects, in the handling of which he felt confident.

In 1964 he was created an hereditary peer, taking the title of Lord Sherfield. In 1966 Lord Cromer, Governor of the Bank of England, persuaded him to take the chair at Hill Samuel, then in a period of change. He was to hold the post until 1970. In middle age he took up farming, with dairy and dual-purpose herds. It was not as enjoyable as he had expected. As he said himself: "I laid down strategies that kept being overtaken by events. I was only good at driving the tractor. My mistake was not to leave everything to my wife she had an instinctive touch with farming and animals.

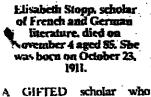
was while he was Warden of Winchester in the 1970s that the Malory manuscript was sold to provide scholarships, the then Labour Government, having decided that money for state scholarships to public schools would no longer be available from the public purse. The warden and fellows decided that the school's main treasure should be sold to make funds available. A battle royal developed and spread far beyond the walls of Winchester College. It provided erudite argument in the letter columns of The Times. The most vitriolic opponent was John Sparrow, Warden of All Souls and himself a Winchester scholar. But Sherfield and the board determined that the scholarships were paramount.

For a number of years Sherfield was on the Council of the Royal Albert Hall and for 12 years chairman of the Board of Governors of the Imperial College of Science and Technology. From 1970 to 1992 he was Chancellor of Reading University. Though not a scientist himself he liked scientists.

Sherfield's interests were wide and he enjoyed them all with a cheerful intensity. He loved paintings, his garden, and music. From his mid-eighties he travelled more, going to places he had never been, flying off to South-East Asia to see a place great beauty, or a part of the environment under threat. In his 92nd year he decided to go on "a jolly" to Sri Lanka. He had been there 41 years before when he was one of the chief architects of the Colombo Plan.

Lady Sherfield died in 1985. He is survived by his two sons and four daughters. The heir to the peerage is his elder son Christopher, formerly a Foreign Office diplomat.

ELISABETH STOPP



achieved distinction in two quite different fields. Elisabeth Stopp was also a laywonian of quiet authority and influence in English Reman Catholicism. She was a Cambridge figure who embodied a continuity with the years in which modern literary and philological studies were first founded there. She was born Elisabeth-

Charlotte Vellar-Etscheit in Golders Green. Her father. the managing director of the English branch of Thones Brothers, was a Rhinelander of mixed French and German extraction, her mother was of Czech-Moravian origin. Although she was, as she said, a 'European mongrel", Elisabeth Stoop had a completely Lundon childhood and was erought up with her sister Roswitha in the medium of English.

lifetong link with the parish church at Chalk Farm (she became a Dominican tertiary in about (940) and from 1920 she attended the Camden School for Girls. In the turmoil of the First World War there had also been visits: to convent schools in Austria

and Czechoslovakia: From 1929 to 1932 she was un Exhibitioner at Girman College, Cambridge, where she read French and German for the Modern Languages Tripus, gaining a First in Part One and an upper second in Part Two. She attended the viminars in Newnham of



Elsie Butler, who later became Professor — though in an "esprit de contradiction" she disagreed with everything that was said. It was reputedly in Edward Bullough's lectures on 19th-century German com-edy that she met F. J. Stopp: the series of lectures only arrived at its announced subject by Tripos-time, when she and he were all of the audience that remained.

High School for two years Elisabeth Stopp returned to Girton as a Research Scholar and then Bye-Fellow. Elsie Butler had wanted her to write on some 19th-century emancipated women of leners whom she found most disagree-

But Bullough directed her to a more congenial theme, the place of Italy in the work of Ludwig Tieck, whom she was After teaching at Gloucester later to call "the Selfridges of

the Romantic movement". After Bullough's death she was supervised by E.K. Benneit, and by Paul Kluckhohn in Tübingen. In Dresden she discovered Tieck's notes on Dante (later

scholars did not always acknowledge her priority). In 1937 she gained her PhD and married Freddy Stopp, who became a Catholic two years later. There were no children. During the war, which septhe world. A vigorous talker who arated her from her husband

for three years, she taught at St Paul's Girls School. In 1947 she returned to Cambridge when her husband was made a university lecturer and began an outstanding career in German Renaissance studies. In 1956-57 she lectured at Royal Holloway College. She supervised for the Cambridge colleges and shared fully in her husband's work for The Modern Language Review, the University Catholic Association, and for his many undergraduates and research

students. But although recognition came late she had her own strongly marked intellectual personality. Her principal academic interest remained the German Romantic movement, particularly the Catholic writers associated with it. But her best-known work was that on the correspondence of St Francis of Sales, and her biography

of Mme de Chantal. In 1963 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. In 1966 Cambridge made her a University Lec-

turer in German. She briefly held fellowships at a number of different university institutions before being made a Fellow of Girton College in 1976. In 1982 her distinction was acknowledged

by the award, for the first time to a woman, and a non-German, of the medal of the Eichendorff-Gesellschaft. and in 1986 she received the Cambridge Doctorate of Letters,

A rich and volatile personality of deep but troubled faith, she demanded much of herself and of those fortunate enough to enter her sphere. She believed that the contemplative life could be lived actively in

mingled acerbity, merriment, and disconcerting frankness. she nevertheless kept her spirituality to herself. Few of her academic colleagues knew of her principled vegetarianism or of her devotion to the affairs of the Order of the Visitation. No one could be imaware. however, of her heroism in nursing her husband through the many years of his final illness until his death at home

In her long widowhood she mellowed into an understanding counsellor of many in the university and outside it, and she carefully tended the memory - and the graves - of past and passing Cambridge gen-erations. Despite bouts of writer's block, she remained remarkably productive. Her work on Tieck and Dante was published at last in a German iournal and a collection of her essays on German Romanticism appeared in 1992 By the time she died a

volume of Salesian studies had reached proof stage and she had virtually completed an annotated translation of Goethe's Maxims and Reflex ions. But she was on good terms with death, she said, and, with no surviving relatives, she had long been packed and ready to go.

Werner Gillon, art historian, died in Londor on October 12 aged 91. He was born in Berlin on

July 30, 1905.

WERNER GILLON was more than 70 when he wrote the first of three books and gained recognition as an authority in the previously almost uncharted territory of African art history. He had become interested in African influences on modern art in the 1960s and began to acquire a naive collection which grew considerably until, in 1976, it was put up for auction by Christie's. Gillon was commissioned to write a book, Collecting African Art, which was published

in 1979 when he was 74. There was already a substantial literature on the history of Africa when Gillon started work on his second book, A Short History of African Art, but Gillon was the first to look at history from the perspective of the visual arts. His alluringly illustrated book, published in 1984 and dealing mainly with sub-Saharan Africa, brought to attention much that was previously unknown - including the earliest-known wood carving, a wooden vessel from Kenya dated to 1000 BC.

Gillon was in his late eighties when he began to work on a third, companion book on North African art, though this

remains unpublished. Werner Goldman — he was later to take the Hebrew name of Gillon - was the son of a Jewish Prussian army officer. He became a committed Zionist, and in 1925 left for

Gillon was trained as an engineer but, after a short period working on a kibbutz,



went into business. In 1929. however, he was inducted into Haganah, the Jewish underground defence force, and fought for Jewish Jerusalem in the riots of that year.

WERNER GILLON

Gillon led a double life, travelling to Britain on business while in Palestine working for Haganah B, the active branch of Haganah. With the outbreak of war, however. Gillon joined the British Army, serving in the Middle East Command for six years as a Captain in the Royal Engineers,

after the war, and while the Jewish rebellion was developof a Jewish army in 1947, he helped to form the Corps of Engineers and took part in the oldest son, Yoram, was killed in action, at the age of 17.

During the next ten years

He returned to Haganah ing continued trading with Britain. But with the creation War of Independence the following year. In June 1948 his

Three years later Gillon, inexplicably to all who knew him, left Israel for an entirely

new life in England, as a director and then a partner in the trading company of Adam & Harvey. The breach with Israel was profound - Gillon was naturalised as British and although he returned repeatedly to the Middle East on private visits, he turned his attention to Eastern Europe.

A skilled negotiator and with a domineering personality, he developed barrer deals with Poland, Romania and Bulgaria; he traded steel for frozen chickens from China: sold Romanian cement to Kuwait: and he brought Czechoslovakian shoes to North America. This last meant moving to New York in 1962 from where he successfully lobbied Congress to import Communist-produced goods.

In 1976 Gillon retired to Britain, ending his life, as it began, in the Diaspora, And a final enigma: in America he had amassed a considerable fortune. At the end it was all

His wife. Sally, died in 1989. He is survived by a son.

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Resignations and retirements

NSM. Kinson Team Ministry (Salisbury), to resign. Canon Edwin Morris, Rector, the City of Bristol (Bristol), to retire on May 19, 1997. The Rev James Ssemakula, Assistant Chaplain, St Peter and St

Sigfrid's, Stockholm, Sweden

rope), resigned on August 31.

The Rev Rosemary Harrison:

MR CHAMBERLAIN SOCIAL REFORM AND FOREIGN POLICY

... Chamberlain surprised the world by himself seeking a personal interview with Hitler to try to find a solution of the crisis. The following day he was received at Berch-tesgaden, was treated with the greatest personal cordiality, and returned to London to say that discussions had begun, and another meeting would shortly be held.

Throughout those discussions Chamberlain was in a weak bargaining position, for which not he individually but the framers of British policy over a long period of years were to blame. He now had behind him a country still very ill-equipped for war; and he knew also that very little reliance was to be placed on the fortitude of the French Government. In these circumstances he was forced to appeal to the Czechs for the utmost possible concessions, and so armed he met Hitler again at

Godesberg on September 22 Even now, however, he found the Führer's demands intolerably exorbitant: he could do no more than hand over the terms to the Czechs without any recommendation for acceptance, and they were in fact rejected. Hurried conferences were held with the

ON THIS DAY

November II, 1940 世界的企

Noville Chamberlain died on November 9, six nonths after handing over as Prime Minister to Winston Churchill. His obituary reviewed his vain attempts to prevent the outbreak of war. Chamberlain's visit to Hitler was the first time that he had ever travelled by air.

French leaders, and it was decided to support the Czechs in arms; and Parliament was summoned on September 28 in the presence of a German ultimatum, expiring on October 1.

War on that day appeared certain. The Fleet was mobilised; evacuation of London had begun; and trenches were being dug in the parks. But Chamberlain's speech was dramatically interrupted by the delivery of a message from the Foreign Office, to the effect that Hitler had consented to a four-power

conference the following day.
It was instinctively recognised that the crisis was averted; and in fact when Chamberlain

and Daladier met Hitler and Mussolini at Munich an agreement was reached, whereby the two former undertook to persuade the Czechs to a settlement by which, indeed, they must make grievous sacrifices, but which, if afford a reasonable compromise between the

meompatible claims of the two races. To this agreement was appended a separate declaration, signed by Chamberlain and Hitler, by which they pledged their countries beneelorward to settle all their differences by peaceful means: and this Chamberlain brought home to England, proclaiming con-

fidently that he brought "peace in our time". In the immense relief of tension brought by deliverance from the imminent threat of war the world was disposed to agree with him. For a little while he was the most popular personage in Europe: even in Germany his visits had been triumphal progresses.

But the reaction was swift. A large body of critics held that he had been quilty of a posilianimous surrender to blackmail, and the bitter division of opinion has continued from that day to this. But the most violent denouncer of "Munich" has never indicated a practical alternative policy that Chamberlain. in his actual position as representative of a parily armed nation, could have pursued. . .

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Michael Heseltine will be challenged in the House of Commons to explain the circumstances in which he ordered senior civil servants to promote Conservative policies.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, intervened to prevent the Deputy Prime Minister using Whitehall officials to draw up teams of "cheerleaders" to praise the Government's achievements. Mr Major had endorsed the planPage 1

Misses are a hit for dress sense

Teachers at a comprehensive school found themselves promoted as the fashion models of their profession after winning a glowing testimonial from Gillian Shephard. The Education Secretary recalled the women "looking as though they had stepped out of the pages of Vogue" when she visited Earlham School in Norwich...

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Labour will promise business it would veto any moves by the EU to force Britain to accept expensive European social security legislation and workers on company ... Page 2 boards.... Silent memory

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American Republicans are asking why they saddled themselves with such a poor presidential candidate as Bob Dole - and who his successor will be Page 13

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The England football team is expected to have its own band in the stand when it meets Italy at Wembley for the World Cup qualifier in the new year. The Kop Band has been recruited by Glenn Hoddle, the team coach, who saw it performing for its home team, Sheffield Wednesday, and decided it needed beefing up with a horn section.



Bugler Fred Watts playing the Last Post at the Remembrance Service on HMS Invincible in the Gulf

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Tyson toppled

Tyson has been at the top quite long enough: and he was never the ideal symbol to dominate any

TO UNIO

MATTHEW PARRIS

Most of Blair's advisers are amateurish, conspiratorial and unprofessional. If they were really any good, we would not have heard of them. This sort of thing destroys most emperors in the end. It destroyed Harold Wilson and was instrumental in Margaret Thatcher's demise. It is depressing to see that this has started with Mr Blair even before he has been Page 20 elected ..

PETER RIDDELL

More than 470 charter schools also now exist across America. Like grant maintained schools, they are independent within the public sector, receiving the average tuition costs for the area. But they are new schools, set up by teachers and parents, and they compete with state schools.....

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- of meal, as usual (3,3,3,6). 24 Some recall a majestic beast (5).
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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzie No 20,321 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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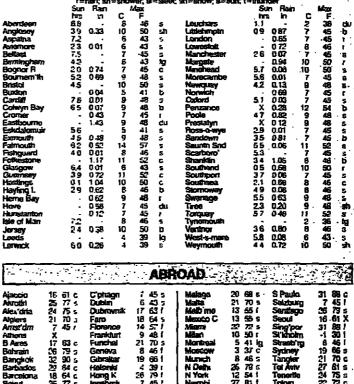
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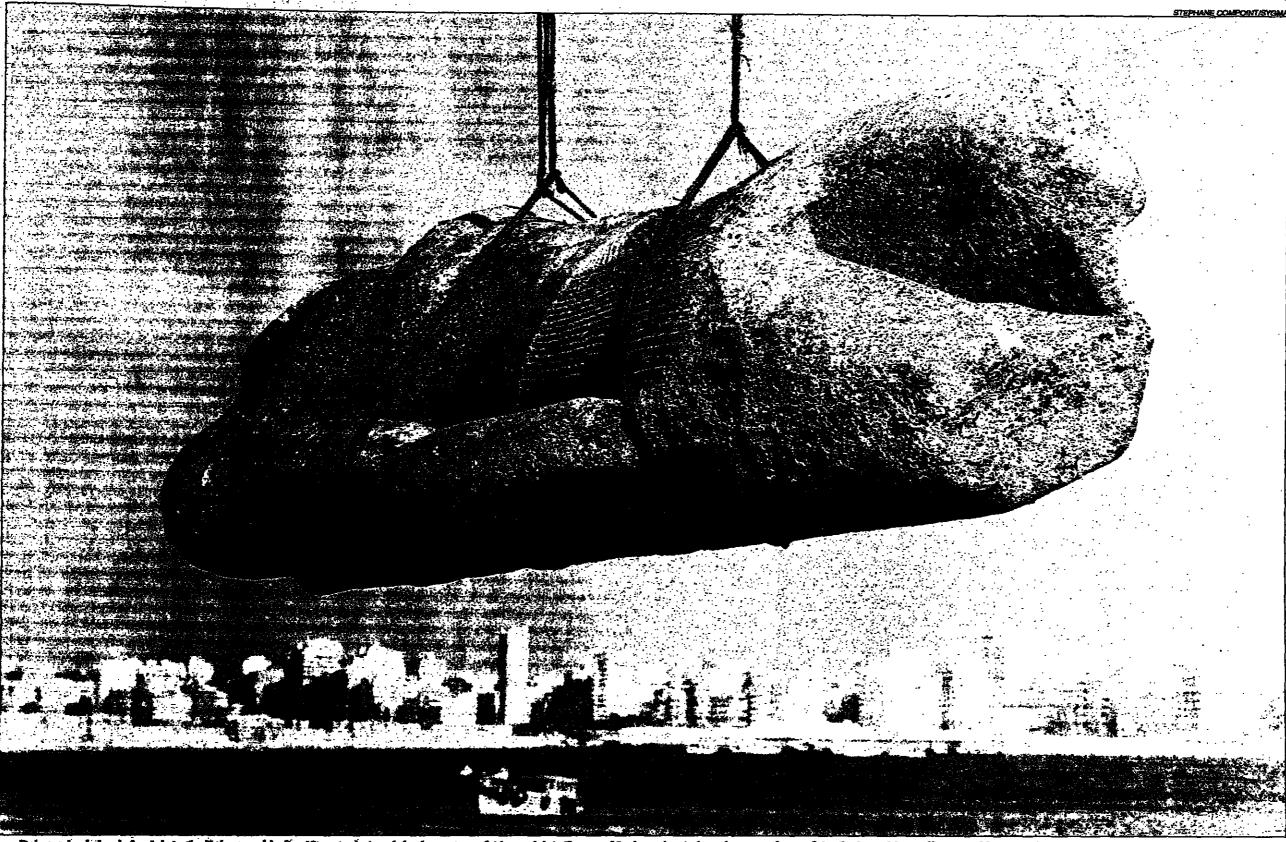


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Cleopatra's treasure trove

the dream city is rising from the sea. Marine archaeologists are rediscovering ancient Alexandria, sunk for 15 centuries beneath the mucky waters of the Eastern Harbour, And so in the process they are recovering more than the drowned palaces of the Ptolemies. For Alexandria, the first open city, is as much a mother of Western civilisation as Athens or Rome.

Other cities have kept monuments of their past. Modern tourists can climb the Acropolis or see the Roman wall of London by Tower Hill Tube Station. But Alexandria had vanished beneath the ugiy modern town and the water. Until now, all that was left was the memory.

But the prototype cosmopolis plays protagonist in our folk memory. Open cities are the mothers of open societies, and Alexandria was the first open city. To paraphrase Gibbon, il a man were called to fix the city in the history of the ancient world where the condition of the human race was most happy and prosperous, he would without hesitation name Alexandria 21

Centuries ago.

Of course, it was a help to be free and male — though Cleopa-tra was Queen. The patriarchal Romans were as shocked by the sex of the ruler of Egypt as they were frightened by her eastern power. But Alexander founded his city as the first example of the world empire he planned, and almost made. The historian

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As archaeologists unveil ancient Alexandria, PHILIP HOWARD celebrates perfection in a city

Arrian says that Alexander himself marked out the main points of the city with the meal his soldiers were carrying. This was taken as a good omen for the prosperity of the city, where East and Africa met West, But it also suggests that Alexander was a good general, who took care that his troops marched with food to spare.

Modern Alexandria looks like any other run-down eastern Mediterranean port. But ancient Alexandria was a model of town planning. The early travel writer Strabo described it for us in the latter half of the first century BC. Like New York, it was laid out with a gridiron of parallel streets, each of which had its attendant subterranean canal. (Sewers in New York.) The two main streets, each 200ft wide and lined with colonnades, intersected down-town. The island of Phares, withits lighthouse that gave the world one of its Seven Wonders and its name to lighthouses in many languages, was joined to the main-

land by a causeway a mile long. There were more Jews in the Jewish quarter than in any other city. The western sector was occupied mainly by Egyptians. The Royal or Greek quarter, where the archaeologists are diving was Maylair. But apart from being a safe

city, where East met West and anybody could scratch a living. Alexandria invented the public goods of civilisation. Food, olive oil, wine and other essentials came easy in the granary of the Mediterranean. The trade routes brought luxuries from the round earth's imagin'd corners. In his 15th Idvil, Theocritus gives an account of two middle-class Alexandrian ladies gossiping about the big shopping at the market and their expensive frocks, the crowds in the city and

t may not have been quite the first, but the Alexandrian library was the greatest. It preserved our literature. And its scholar librarians contributed to the high rhetoric and cosmopolitan learning of Hellenistic literature.

the stupidity of their husbands.

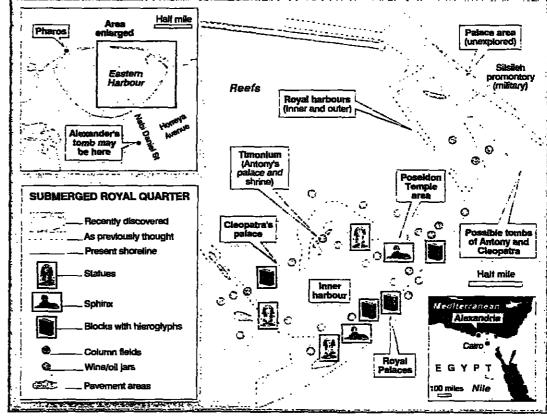
Alexandria had the first Museum, where resident scholars gave public lectures. They still do in modern museums founded on the Alexandrian model. Cleopa-tra attended its discussions. Beside the Museum was the theatre. the racecourse and the zoo.

The temples, shrines and synagogues were built for a city as tolerant of religion as of race. These have long vanished be-neath the sea and sand. But you can still get some idea of their size and grandeur from Cleopatra's Needle in London. This granite obelisk was cut from the quarries of Aswan . A romantic, though implausible tradition has it that it went to Alexandria as a memorial to a son Julius Caesar had with Cleopatra. With its sister Needle. in New York, it was a mere gatepost to Alexandria's Caesarium. the Temple to Augustus. But buildings, however grand, are but the bones of a city. The breath is its people. And the life of Alexandria casts a long shadow. An open society is the seedbed of literature. And Alexandria still

haunts writers. Cavafy the Greek lived in Alexandria, and circulated his poems to a select group. In The City he tries to explain the mystery of Alexandria in plain language: "You won't find a new country, won't find another shore. This city will always

The conjunction of Alexandria and world war worked in Olivia Manning and Penelope Lively to produce their best novels (Balkan Trilogy and Moon Tiger, respec-tively). The cosmopolis of human memory inspired E.M. Forster's Alexandria, a kind of Guide to Memory. And Lawrence Dur-rell's Alexandria Quartet is the novel of the guide, in which time, place and memory crisscross like the roads of old Alexandria.

The death of Cleopatra, celebrated by Horace and described by Plutarch, was dramatised by Dryden and many others, as well



as Shakespeare. The latter was exaggerating the civic amenities of Alexandria when he had Cleopatra invite Charmian to the municipal billiards' hall. But Cleopatra remains a potent theme for the imagination. Nostalgia, exile and time haunt

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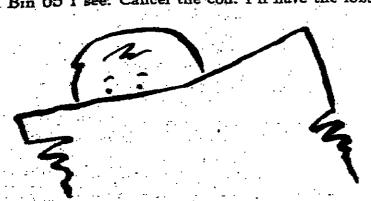
Alexandria. If any of the old city survived, it would haunt us less. In other cities you can visit the Colosseum, walk the wall. In Alexandria, until now, there were only ghosts and intimations. Here Alexander may have lain in his golden coffin. Perhaps

committed suicide here. It is the city of exile and nostalgia. In Alexandria Theocritus from Sicily invented the idyll, the precursor of Bob Dylan's windy songs. "O singer

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"Ah, Bin 65 I see. Cancel the cod. I'll have the lobster."

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TIBETAN HEALING

© WHAT IT IS: The belief that we are made up of three humours air, fire, and earth and water, which need to be balanced for good health,

O ADVANTAGES: The practice seems to work. O DISADVANTAGES: The theory sounds dubious © COST: £40 a session

ate Roddick had a persistent cold. Ten years ago she consulted a visiting Tibetan doctor in her native Scotland. He took her pulse and examined her tongue. Then he told her that when she was 17 she had suffered kidney problems, and again two years ago when she was 25. He cured both cold and

The encounter led Ms Roddick to Dharmsala in the Indian Himalayas to learn the principles of Tibetan medicine - and me to her consulting rooms in Edin-

Now patience, dear reader. know the very notion of Tibetan medicine sounds medieval. These tonsured chaps view health as a balance between the "humours" in the body: rLung, or "air": mKhris-pa or "fire": and bad-kan or "earth and water". Illness is because one humour comes to dominate.

It all sounds like the views of a Middle Ages' monk. Most people are a mix of types, the theory goes. You can tell which humour dontinates by your symptoms. So the over-aired tend to per-spire little, suffer from insomnia, constipation, back pains, dry skin and flatulence. Their minds flit, they feel the cold, and their ears hum. They are susceptible to pyschological illnesses, such as anxiety, asthma, and heart conditions linked to stress and back pains, and tend towards restlessness

and thoughtfulness. Those dominated by fire unsurprisingly perspire often, have weak livers and easily overheat. They feel thirsty, have a bitter taste in their mouths and suffer diarrhoea. They are likely to suffer from eczema, headaches and nausea. They can be impatient, angry. clever.

Continued from page I of Persephone!/ In the dim meadows desolate/ Dost thou remember Sicily?" I'll bet he remembers Alexandria, preparation for Hades, Oscar,

ld Alexandria faded. as cities must. Augustus disliked Egypt because it voted for Antony. who had nearly stopped his resistible rise to become Master of the Universe, So. he kept the entrepot of Em-pire tucked in his imperial pocket. But Christian sectarianism burnt more fiercely there than anywhere and destroyed its ancient tolerance. Arianism was invented in Alexandria, and Athanasius, whose creed

won, triumphed there. The silt of the Nile and erosion of the sea buried it. Alexandria became a dead-end not a bridge. The Arabs took it in 640, after a siege of 14 months, during which the Emperor in Constantinople did not send a ship to its relief. Yet the Arab general was still able to write to his

dependable.
Ms Roddick's first task was to identify my type. This did all get quite medieval. She took my pulse, but not as a nurse takes it. No stopwatch to hand, she "sensed" the state of the three hu-mours by checking a variety

sharp and ambitious. And

those dominated by earth

and water can be overweight,

stubborn, with distended stomachs, indigestion and

cold feet. They are slow and

tend to laziness but are

of pulses.

Then she examined my tongue and confirmed her diagnosis with a good look at my pee. Ms Roddick shook and whisked my sample with a chopstick. It was transparent with big bubbles, meaning the person has a cold nature and slow circulation

ike most Westeners, I

suffered from too much air. Too much air causes stress and most Europeans are stressed. I needed heating up. Part of the answer was warming foods. "You should eat lamb, butter and molasses," Ms Roddick said. "And you should avoid cold foods. such as salads and ice cream, or have a hot drink before meals. Ginger tea is particularly good. Base your diet around chicken, meat broths, cheese, onions, carrots, garlic and spices, spinach and greens," she said.

The problem with eating supposedly healthy, cold foods such as yoghurt and salad is that it damps down this fire. So food is ill-digested, which can lead to flatulence, water retention and heart disease.

And the other part of the answer was a glorious massage, there and then, using the heating oils of ginger and cardamom



I would say the whole thing was gobbledygook. Fooey. Bunkum. It's hard to swallow a doctrine which tails to chime conventional wisdom: eating fat, for example.

Gobbledygook but for one thing. During our consultation, post-tongue and pee inspection, Ms Roddick seemed to have an uncanny way of knowing my physical traits. "Do you suffer from cold feet?" Answer ves. "Do you get aches in your lower back?" Answer yes. "Do you ever feel dizzy?" Answer yes. "Do you suffer from flatu-lence?" Answer yes. Now how did she know all that? "The Tibetans keep the Ms Roddick says. "They have every kind of high-tech medicine, too, but they find

that Tibetan medicine is just as effective for many conditions and much cheaper because it doesn't use surgery or modern equipment." Ms Roddick believes in Tibetan doctors working alongside conventional ones.

The problem is a paucity of practitioners in the West who

would provide any comprehensive kind of test. Tibetan medicine has not been subjected to clinical trials.

separation between mind and body is becoming commonplace among West-ern doctors. Mental and emotional states, such as desire and anger, can have as clear an effect on health as

can the wrong food.

I followed Ms Roddick's advice. My feet are warm and the flatulence has gone. And my husband, for one, is

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£20-£35 an hour.

SERIOUS SHOPPING

GILES COREN



"GIFTS"

n old curling partner of mine was over from Canada the other day, and much taken with the raffia place mat on which the waitress had just positioned a dish of dill and lemongrass

Turning the mat over, having first put aside the less interesting soup, he said, "I have never been able to find mid-sized raffia place mats in Canada. I have a set of six in the dinner-plate size, and am naturally most keen to procure such a mat. Or

And thus to the kitchenware section of a never knowingly undersold de-partment store. "Oh no, love," Ms Kitchenware said. "The raf-

fia mats are kept in Gifts." My old curling partner was like, helio?" They of-Canada, But what perverse logic makes a raffia place mat a gift and a slotted spoon. something one is permitted to buy for one-self? But there

Along with examples in palm leaf, coiled rush. and woven coconut fibre - not good enough to buy for yourself, but perfect to give to friends. There was also a shrink-wrapped pack of six cork coasters (£1.05). Well, happy Well, happy birthday.

Chinese dogs (£17.50), assorted iron candlesticks. and what appeared to be petrified fruits. But why on earth would I want to give away a shiny tin banana (£8.50), when I could keep it for myself?

A set of wind chimes (from £33 to £450) is an obvious gift, because it

makes a noise so irritat-

ing you'd have to be mad to want one, and who wouldn't want a box with a glass top to fit a favourite photograph? Garry Kasparov, by the way, is thought to have made his first checkmate on a commemorative Battle of Culloden chess set (£295).

I was more tempted by the miniature Victorian pram (£79), the brass heron (£175), the assorted African fertility gods, and the aboriginal drums. But why the fireguard? Is it possible that my family are sitting, even now, watching a dangerous fire spit embers on to the rug.

desperately hoping to get a fireguard for Christ-mas? They will be disap-pointed. They are getting

Gift food means two small bottles of port and an indoor skittles set (£9.95)

undoubtwere.

"gift food". I thought gift

food meant shortbread or preserved fruits. Apparently not. It means two small bottles of port and an indoor skittles set (£9.95). Or a selection of three small marmalades of which one will disappear in a single toast frenzy, while the other

two are vile

and never get eaten. D.H. Evans cleaves more to the whack-it-in-abox-with-a-ribbon-andcall-it-a-gift school thinking. A small table marked "Marble Giftware" sells alabaster things called "frame" (£50), "round box" (£10), and "apple" (£12) suppose they couldn't put

As for the nodding glass dolphin and ball

it in the alabaster apple

balancing on a stick (£6.95), I shall have to hope my curling partner noticed the glint in my eye, and gives my girl-friend the nod before they are sold out.

Caliph that he had taken a city containing "4,000 palaces, 4,000 baths, 12,000 dealers in fresh oil. 12,000 gardeners, 40,000 Jews who pay tribute. 400 theatres or places of amusement". The story that the library was used as fuel for six months to heat the public baths is now regarded as doubtful.

The submerged stones being found in the harbour resurrect the ghost of an old dream. Alexandria is for ever fin de siècle and nostalgic. Failure haunts its memory. but a failure so rich that it is a kind of triumph. Cavafy lived his old city:

You'll always end up in this city. Don't hope for things elsewhere: There's no ship for you, there's no road. Now that you've wasted your life here, in this small

You've destroyed it every where in the world. The spell of Alexandria is stronger even than the plea-

BARELY 20ft beneath the placid surface of the Eastern Harbour of Alexandria lies a treasure trove belonging to two of the most evocative names of ancient history. Antony and Cleopatra.

The announcement last Mon-

day of the find follows years of toil by a French marine archaeologist. The pier on which artefacts lie forms part of an astonishingly comprehensive archaeological discovery of the royal city which formed fully a third of Ptolemaic Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC.

The tumbled columns, walls and statues of the palaces that Cleopatra and Antony built 2000 years ago lie virtually undisturbed since they were inundated by a tidal wave following an earthquake in AD 335. The suddenness of the disaster is indicated by a cargo of lead ingots, still waiting on the quayside to be loaded aboard a Roman vessel, long gone.

The discovery is the work of Franck Goddio, the director of the Paris-based European Institute for Marine Archaeology, who, with a team of 16 professional divers and 20 archaeologists and computer

The royal city beneath the sea experts working from a 30ft launch in the harbour, has la-

boured for four years to pinpoint the royal residences.

Among the remarkable discoveries are piers 10ft high and extending up to 650 yards out into the harbour, built of hewn limestone secured with mortar and topped with glistening paving of the same stone.

M Goddio describes the area about 2km by 1.5km - as covered in columns of rare and unusual stone, including marble, red granite from Aswan 600 miles away, calcite and porphyry

More than 2,000 artefacts forming the core of the royal port. religious area and palaces have been found. These are not "small finds". household objects, but large architectural features en-abling M Goddio to describe the groundplan of the royal areas.

follow the description of Strabo

(the Greek geographer who visited Alexandria in 25 BC) and correct



Cleopatra VII coin, circa 40 BC

him in others." M Goddio says. "But he led us to the most important find of all, the palace of Cleopatra on what was once the island of Antirrhodos."

The island, forming the north-western section of a roughly rectangular inner harbour, is about 350 yards long and 60 yards wide, and is protected by another pier at its northwestern corner. Its shape echoes the Egyptian hieroglyph for the word pr"house", and so, perhaps, hints at an even earlier foundation.

Though the end of royal Alexandria seems to have come suddenly, M Goddio was surprised to find that most of the marble and limestone statuary, obelisks and blocks remain where they fell, on top of the limestone paving.

Opposite Cleopatra's palace lies
the Timonium, which served as

Mark Antony's palace and shrine. This pier, 150 yards by 30 yards, has more than 200 columns along its length, with 3ft-wide granite bases indicating the massive proportions of its buildings. At the front of Antony's palace,

and linking it to the shore, is a 650yard promontory where Antony built a temple to Poscidon, god of On the present shoreline, archaeological work is impossible, because the area has long been built over. But just offshore lies

another impressive jungle of failen

blocks, statues and imported wine

and oil jars. This, M Goddio says, is where the rest of the Brucheum. the royal area, waits to be uncovered.

This has been a good 12 months for Alexandrian archaeology. Almost precisely a year ago Jean-Yves Empereur, of the Centre for Alexandrian Studies, started to put the city back on the archaeological map by recovering from the sea dozens of fallen blocks from the Pharos lighthouse, since 1477 the site of Qait Bay Fort.

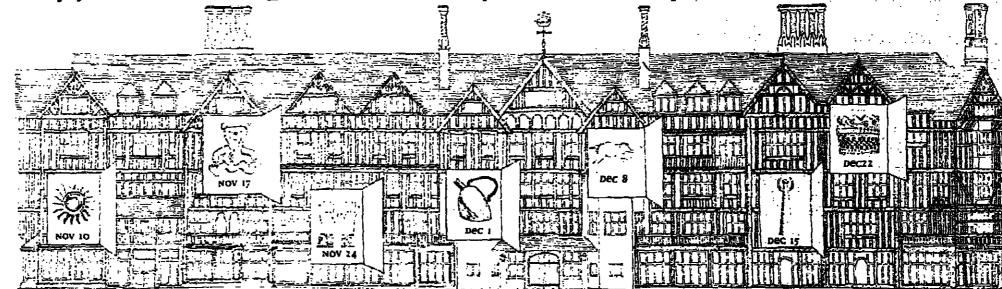
M Goddio will bring up from the seabed only those pieces in urgent danger, those which might be stolen or be shattered if left alone. "We want people to be able to see the site as it is," he says. "But I have to say at the moment that visibility in the water is very bad."

The Alexandria governorate will move sewage disposal from the harbour to new land-based works within two years. Then, perhaps, we can have

glass-bottomed boats, or transparent tube walkways through the site — a real underwater mu-seum," M Goddio says.

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BY STEPHEN ANDERTON ous fancy small

ans, crabs, cherries - the snakebark maples are among the most fascinating. They get their name from the curious patterning on the bark, and there are several species which display this characteristic. Among the best are Acer grosseri and its variety hersii (20ft), davidii (40ft), pensylvanicum (25ft), rufinerve (30ft)

and capillipes (30ft). The effect on the tree is curiously contrived, as if someone had painted stripes and marbling on the stems. It is an effect you either want a lot of — a thicket or

either want a lot of — a thicket or a little grove to make it normal by massing — or to single it out as a curiosity in a prominent position.

Ivan Hicks, a garden designer, has gone one better with his snake-bark maple. He is growing one up an apple tree, training it round the trunk in a slow spiral, like the seroent in Eden. It started like the serpent in Eden. It started out as a very small tree at the root of his apple, but in a year or two it will have reached eye-height and the apples.

Snake-bark maple seedlings grow whippily as youngsters and are amenable to tying in to a string or wire spiral. If you use wire, it must be removed once the trunk has formed into its spiral, so that the host tree is not cut and strangled. Even the maple-trunk spiral will eventually grip the tree and strangle it slowly; more muscled constrictor than tempter. But won't it look magnificent as the apple bark is squeezed up in folds between its coils as the years go by? We should never be afraid to let gardening ideas get the upper hand over the plants.
The snake-bark 1 have had

most to do with is Acer davidii, a species from China which will only reach 25ft tall over 20 to 30 years. Hot summers cover it in helicopter" seeds, typical of the maples, even in the north.

In Northumberland, where I used to work, seedlings would sprout up out of the rough grass below, like sycamores. We would put a few seedlings in pots or the nursery every year to provide the bartering material with which all gardeners develop their collec-tions. Whereas a sycamore seedling grows thick and straight, our seedlings grew thin and whippy,

with a distinct bend to one side. In pots or in the ground, in full light or half shade, our young snake-barks would wave off to one side at the top, as if distorted by a prevailing wind. I grew A. hersii, bought as a larger, potgrown specimen, and it did the same. Tying the leaders to a cane made little difference. They just want to bend, and in the early years they look wimpish. Only



Patterned snake-bark maples

when they are ten to 15 years old and the branches develop a little grace do they develop any poise. The quality of patterning varies with snake-barks, as it does with snakes I suppose. It also varies with age. But what is marvellous about the snake-barks is their ability to keep the patterning to some degree on the trunk and older branches, even in mature trees. The bark remains thinlooking, sometimes with a shine, and does not develop away from that slithery youth into gnarled. scaly old age. It remains fancy to the last, and this is worth remembering when you are choosing a place to plant one. Part of the job of bark is to

stretch and expand to protect the

through its life. When you look at the bark of an old robinia, its bundles of fibres wrenched criss-cross over centuries, you can see the power pushing from within. Snakes may slough a skin, but trees bear their stretch marks with pride.
So what is going on in the tree
to make those delicate striations

on the bark? I asked Sir Ghillean Prance, the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and author of a recent book on bark, if the snake-barks were simply employing a different mechanism to allow them to expand, using expansion joints (gussets) instead of the woven, criss-cross stocking

system of other trees.

The answer was yes. "What is remarkable is the way in which the same lines on the bark remain and develop during the life of the tree," he said. And that is curious. If you think of the plated scales

of bark on a plane tree or old sycamore, the agonised spirals of a sweet chestnut, or the blackand-white diamond pattern on a silver birch, they are all features that develop with age. On a birch you can watch it start to happen. as the lower part of the trunk begins to open and stretch into diamond patterns, even in young trees of 3-4in diameter.

SNAKE-BARKED maples generally prefer an open soil. In heavy clays they can be slow and sulky, and prone to the fungal disease coral spot, which is a serious threat to maples. Wood-land edge is the right position for them, with some shelter and plenty of sun. In gloom the bark is never as telling, and in damp shade green algae on the stems can hide the beauty of the bark. unless you are prepared to give it a periodic wash and brush down.

My preference is to see them used formally where the bark can look its most artificial. But that gauche habit in youth does not do much for formal situations. If you go for snake-barks, that is something you have to live with.

• Reading: Leaf. Bark and Berry: Foliage Plants for Texture and Form, by Ethne Clarke, with photographs by Clive Nichols (David & Charles, £20).



AT LAST, a beautifully produced book that affords a glimpse into more than 50 extraordinary private gardens, some of the most significant to have been created in the past 20 years.

The book, Paradise Transformed: the Private Garden for the Twenty-first Century, by Gordon Taylor and Guy Cooper, is divided into four philosophical elements of garden design: explanation, innovation, tradition and abstraction, and the emphasis says lan Hamilton Finlay, a landscape designer, is emphasis, says Ian Hamilton Finlay, a landscape designer, is

on "culture, not just horticulture".

Mr Finlay's garden, "Little Sparta" in Lancashire, is one of the first on a world tour. His witty fusion of the Classical/Neo-Classical and Modern is exemplified by a statue of Apollo, after

Bernini, holding a gun instead of a lyre.

It was Massachussetts-based Martha Schwartz, we learn. who first introduced irony into contemporary garden design, in 1979, with her provocative "Bagel Garden" in Boston. "I thought the bagel the perfect landscape material. It was easy to get, cheap, biodegradable, anybody could plant it, it did well in the shade, and you didn't need to water it," she says.

The gardens in the book reflect aspects of the modern aesthetic. Ecological awareness is a constant — water is celebrated, and even the grotesque and violent.

A unifying theme in the book is practicality and utility.

according to the owners' needs, tastes and interests. The way the landscapers resolve these considerations defines their success.

 Paradise Transformed: the Private Garden for the Twenty-first Century, by Gordon Taylor and Guy Cooper, is published on November 15 by the Monacelli Press. £35 (LSBN 188525 4350).

Hint of Nepal on the Dee

Ness Gardens, South Wirral, Merseyside (0151-353 0123).

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The 60-acre garden is on a sloping site overlooking the Dee estuary. Rhododendrons and other choice plants were brought back from early 20th-century plant-hunting trips to the Hima-layas by George Forrest and Frank Kingdon-Ward. At the moment, the enormous heather

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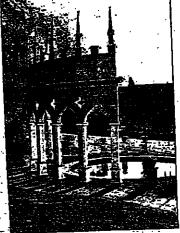
garden, created on an ideal site of acid sunstone with rocky outcrops, is speciacular, while the sorbus National Collection reveals berries from pure white to rich ruby red. The scale of the mixed planting and the rock garden is impressive.

Painswick Rococo Garden. Painswick, near Stroud, Gloucestershire (01452 813204). On B4070, half mile from Painswick. Open Wed-Sun to

end of Nov. liam-5pm. £2.75, children £1.50. Reopens Jan 8.

The garden is a rare survivor of of the Rococo style, which played a part in the changes from the formal French style to the natural English landscape. Some paths wander through the beech woodland to reveal the superb 18th-century buildings. In mid-January, the garden's flowering forte is the snowdrop wood. The changes being made reflect a painting of Painswick in 1748 by the artist Thomas Robins.

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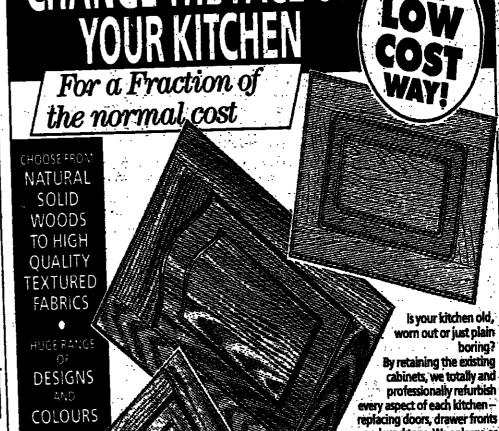
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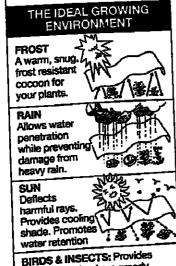
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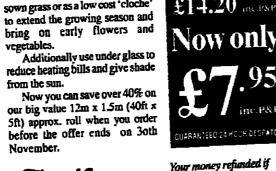
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t is not with any pride that I admit that, in all my years of country dwelling, I have only ever attended one meeting of a parish council, which is surprising, because it was one of the best evening's entertainment I have had. If every meeting was as good as that one, nothing would have kept me away, and because it did not take place in the village in which I now live, I can share the joy with you.

The evening started soberly with formal business conducted in muted tones while a fierce lady noisily scribbled minutes in a lined exercise book. Conservation issues were then raised and a valuable, if brief, discussion followed on achieving a balance between the needs of nature and the require-ments of tidiness on the village green - which was not of the manicured sort, but rather more an area of gorse-strewn heathland.

Then the question of "the mat-tress" was raised, and with it the evebrows of the more elderly parish councillors. Apparently, the youth of the village, not having any other way to entertain themselves of an evening, had installed a mattress behind the bus shelter. One inno-cent lady asked if they used it for physical exercise. Eric Morecambe never got a bigger laugh.

After order was restored, the mattress was considered to be leaning a little too far in the direction of the needs of nature, and it was resolved that a request be made to the district council to have it removed. But on what grounds? Or at least, what could the secretary write in a letter that would cause her not to blush as she struck the keys of her elderly typewriter? "Insurance," someone shouted to huge applause, and the relieved council members passed on to more weighty matters - the colour of the

bus shelter, I seem to remember. All this may strike you as rather trivial, but someone has to be responsible for the tiniest of cogs in the massive engine of daily rural life. We assume that those higher up the scale of government are too deep in thought about "the future of the countryside" and other such cosmic matters to have to worry

about a bit of hanky-panky on the village green, and so country people get on with their daily lives, counting the pennies while others wisely take care of the pounds. This is a grave mistake, fellow country dwellers; word reaches me that we are about to be fleeced, as will become clear.

There now follows a brief description of a part of Britain, which comes from someone in a position to speak with authority. Despite what you might think, it is not a glimpse of life in a bleak. forgotten corner of an inner city or a threatening housing estate where police patrol in pairs. This, the author of the letter tells us, is rural

life as it is lived today.

In his part of Britain, "there is no welfare rights unit, equality unit. anti-poverty unit, policy unit. You will not find a council theatre, public hall, concert hall, crematorium, football pitch. Neither is there a museum nor an art gallery. Not all domestic refuse is collected weekly." It is Teesdale: a glorious part of northern England not far from the adored Herriot and Heartheat country, and the author of the letter is no less than the district solicitor of Teesdale District Council, Mr Sparrow.

e makes a good point, worthy of study. "The allocation of central government grants is supposed to produce the result that everyone in the country receives the same level of service for the same level of council tax." In order to make this work, the government makes an allowance, which recognises the higher costs of services in rural areas. This allowance is about to be reviewed, within the next week or so.

Government research shows that the allowance should be increased but, because the pot out of which these funds pour is finite, organ-isations representing big cities are trying to rubbish the research and get the allowance reduced". This, says Mr Sparrow, will result in a situation where two levels of local government are created; an urban one with all the trimmings, and a



Expressions of disapproval: are country communities destined to receive second-rate local services?

one-star rural kind, offering basic services only. It seems that we are about to be dumped on from a great

height by Big Brother from the city. He quotes comments from city interests that particularly annoy him. For instance, people choose to live in the country, they could always move" and "there is more affluence in the countryside because there is high car ownership". (There is, if you think about high car ownership because

there is so little public transport and so few village shops.)
But why is Mr Sparrow sur-

prised? They have always dumped on us. I must reveal that it transpired, after much delicate questioning, that it was not the youth of the village who put the mattress behind the bus shelter after all. It was flung there from a passing truck, which sped off back to the town. We should not take this lying down.

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steadily across a field, and the ir was filled with their loud "chack chack" cries. They are constantly on the move in Britain in winter. When they arrive they feed mostly on worms and insects on ploughed fields or pasture, but they soon go into the hedges to eat the hawthorn berries.

This year they will find plenty of those, and you will ee them swaying at the end of tiny twigs to get at them. However, even the best loaded of ruddy hawthorn bushes soon turns bare, with blackbirds and redwings after the berries, as well as the fieldfares, and then they turn to other fruit.

They seek out the last elderberries and any blackberries lingering on the brambles. They would eat holly and mistletoe berries, but the mistle thrushes usually form temporary territories round any good supplies of those, and ight off the fieldfares.

They will eat the bitter sloes but do not like them much. In midwinter they will flock into apple orchards, and eat the fruit that has been left on the branches or has survived on the ground. They are said to have a special taste for Golden After Christmas, on warm

days, they will sometimes sit. together in the trees singing a warbling song, and even when they get back to the northern birth forests to breed they will not sing much better. This is, perhaps, because they are colonial nesters and do not defend a large breeding territory like most other thrushes. However, they co-operate to

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The birds were first found

breeding in Britain in 1967, in Orkney. Since then pairs have occasionally nested in Scot-land, Derbyshire and Yorkshire. They are spreading south through continental Europe, too. A few years ago a pair bred in the Prater Park in Vienna.

There has not yet been any sign of a colony in Britain. However, that day may be coming — and even we may have to get used to those unsavoury showers dropping from angry birds in the sky.

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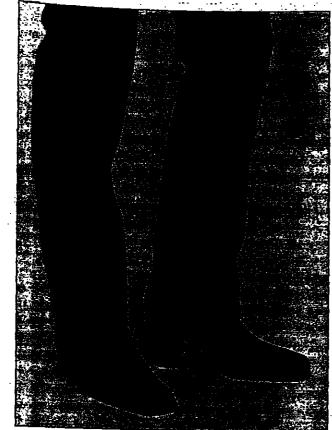
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Old jeans never die they just look vile with court shoes

Dated, maybe, but denim can still look good — as long as you choose your footwear carefully. **GRACE BRADBERRY** reports

the blue jean. The sometime symbols of youthful rebellion had smoothed the thigh of one too many weekending politician, and lost the under-

25 vote in the process. The kids on the street had decided they liked proper trousers, including the sort of Rupert Bear creations that would have induced instant acre in a previous genera-tion. Slumming it meant. combat pants, or drawstring

pyjama trousers.
The greatest betrayal of all was among off-duty models. New York lofts have been purchased, cash down, on the proceeds of designer jean advertising campaigns. But what did they wear outside the studio? Moleskin hip-sters, khaki combats, gab-erdine boot-cuts — anything but denim.

But jeans companies have played a few clever cards recently. Levi's recruited veteran mid-westerners for its advertising campaign, reminding us of the heritage, and challenging the teen domination of fashion. The company also tried to close the gap between svelte image and sagging reality. introducing a made-to-lit service at flagship stores in London and Sheffield.

A rearguard action is also being fought by the more avant-garde stylists — the people who choose the clothes for magazines such as The Foce, Arena and I-D. They're asking for good

nly a year ago, quality dark denims, and not askinon commen in the crazier cuts," says That's filtering through into

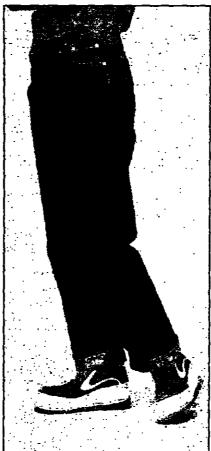
> Whether jeans are strictly fashionable is debatable, and some would say irrelevant. But the fashion in jeans has undonbtedly moved on. Lighter shades of denim are out and low-slung "rapper" styles remain on the fringes. The jeans to buy now are deep blue or indigo, in hip-ster, half-hipster, slim leg or boot-cuts. Classic cuts, if they fit well, are also acceptable.

But the more trying ques-tion is the footwear. Naffness has a nasty habit of not declaring itself at the time. But in the months and years to come, nostalgic photo-graphs can be ruined by the sight of a loafer with a white sock, a court shoe with a popsock, or a parmer's progue peeping out from the denim.
As a guide, the following

are currently slip-stiding to-ward the style abyss: black Dr Marten shoes, flat or slim-beeled black boots and high-top white trainers. Desert boots, wedge-heeled trainers, blonde suede ankle boots and canvas walking boots are all in the ascendant. So too are smart boots, particularly if they're in shades of brown or mulberry, rather than black. Cowboy boots are also making their return, a potent reminder that fashion and good taste do not always amount to the same thing.









LEFT: Drainpipe jeans, £55, Diesel Flagship Store (0171-833 2255); sandals, £44.99, Ravel (0171-631 0224). CENTRE: Wide leg jeans, £55, Levi's stores (01604 790436); trainers, £64.99, Office. RIGHT: Baggy jeans, £38, Gap (0800 427789); trainers, £44.99, Office.

on-a-date look. OK, so you wouldn't walk the dog in them, but they might just make your jeans acceptable

particularly if they're shrinkto-fit style drainpipes. Matching footwear to the jeans shape is crucial. At the conservative end of the scale,

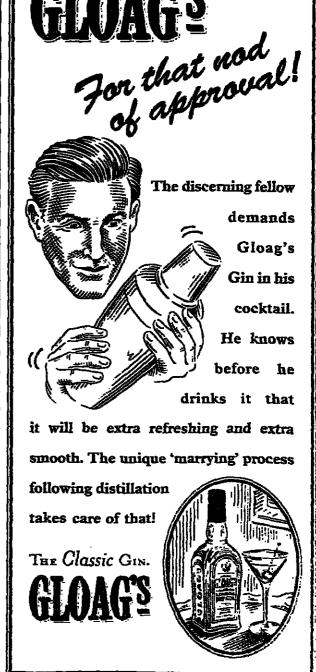
classic cuts go with loafers. Bootcut jeans predictably look good with boots. Other shapes are less obvious. Toying with the idea of outsize

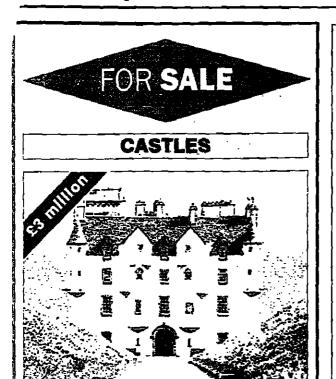
as the next big thing.

turn-ups, but concerned that people will miss the joke? Not if you're wearing a pair of wedge-heeled trainers they won't. Sounds ghastly? Wait until you see the turn-up denim pedal-pushers, touted

Which brings us on to high strappy sandals and stiletto Photographs by Steve Poole. Hair and make-up by Alex Babsky. Styling by Amandip Uppai. males for that cowgirl-goes-A good belt will define the cut of your jeans and add style. For hipsters, choose something wide and chunky with a silver buckle. Classic cuts demand slim belts worn at the waist. Here's a look at what's going around SIX OF THE BEST WAYS TO BELT UP

LEFT TO RIGHT: Light brown leather belt from Emporio Armani, £79, from Giorgio Armani, 191 Brompton Road, SW3 (0171-823 8818). Brown leather belt with gold buckle, £14.99, from Casis (0171-452 1000). LEFT TO FINANCE DUTY DECIMAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF TH belt, £10, from Debenhams (inquiries, £171-408 4444). Soft brown leather belt by Otto Glanz, £47.85. Also in black, sizes 10-14. Stockists nationwide (0181-365 1711).





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London: 4 Vanbrugh Castle, Greenwich, SE10. Detached wing of a Grade I listed castle, designed by Sir John Vanbrugh in 1719 as his country residence, in a private garden with a detached studio/summerhouse, within two acres of communal gardens. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms (one en suite). 31ft reception room with quadruple aspect windows overlooking Greenwich Park, kitchen and breakfast room. Parking for two cars, About £450,000 for a 999-year lease (Winkworth, 0181-852 0999).



Wates: Halkyn Castle, Flintshire. Regency and Victorian mansion house in 37 acres of gardens and parkland. Ten bedrooms, three bathrooms, tower, drawing room, sitting room, dining room, office, cloakroom, cellar, two kitchens, domestic offices, games room, stable block, garage. Self-contained two-bedroom flat, About £500,000 (Jackson-Stops & Staff, 01.244 328361).



Baddesley Clinton in Warwickshire, a perfect medieval manor house with its own moat, lies in a remnant of the forest of Arden ten miles outside Birmingham. From the revised edition of the National Trust Guide, by Lydia Greeves and Michael Trinick, published by the Trust last month at £24.99

Time to stop the rot in your home

HOMEOWNERS need to be able to spot defects in their properties and take steps to solve the problems. according to the Royal Institution of Chartered

Ian Perry, a chartered surveyor and the RCIS housing market spokesman, says: "Houses and flats need to be cared for like any other valuable possession. Regular checks and repairs are essential if buildings are to provide secure, long-lasting accommodation."

Now the housing market is recovering, a well-maintained home is a key factor in attracting buyers. A new guide --- Looking After Your Home — from the RICS covers a multitude of problems from dripping taps to rotting roofs. It stresses the importance of adequate insurance gives tips on what to do in case of fire, flooding or

storm damage.
Some faults can be remedied quickly and cheaply. Others need specialist help and advice.

DRY ROT

THE distinctive aroma of mushrooms should ring alarm bells if you smell it in the loft. This is one symptom of dry rot, one of the most serious problems, which can quickly spread if left untreated. Fungus on timber, initially like conton wool, later turns grey/yellow and then rusty red in colour. Affected timber has distinctive cubic cracking, and crumbles. Dry rot thrives on moist timber in a medium cool and poorly ventilated environment.

The cause of moisture must be eliminated and good ventilation provided. Af-fected timber and woodwork within a metre of it must be taken out and burnt. New timbers should be impregnated with preservative. Masonry adjoining affected timber should be chemically injected by a specialist firm which provides a 30-year

WET ROT Wet rot appears as brown or black thread-like strands over timber and masonry. Affected timber cracks along the grain and rots. This wet timber - often where plumbing and drainage leaks occur or the dampcourse is ineffective. The cause of dampness must be eliminated and affected tim-

ber replaced by a reputable builder or specialist firm. WOODWORM

Woodworm leaves small holes in timber, usually floorboards, roof timbers, plywood and underneath stairs. These "flight holes" are caused by beetles gnawing their way out of the woodwork - after the larvae have bored around inside, sometimes for years. Most Regular repairs are essential for houses says CHERYL TAYLOR

often found is the Common Furniture Beetle, which can be brought into a house in old or infected furniture. The notorious Death Watch Beetle and House Longhorn Beetle (found in the South of England) have long life -cycles and can cause extensive structural damage. Specialist spraying of af-fected timber is the best remedy.

Rising damp appears on walls close to ground level and is caused by dampness from the ground rising up the wall by capillary action through porous building The rising moisture carries salts from the ground into the masonry, which crystal-lise in the internal plaster. These salts will absorb airborne moisture and create a damp patch, independent of dampness within the wall.

External walls are the most likely to become affected, but internal and party walls can also suffer if there is no effective damp-proof course. Rising damp can occur where a damp-proof is

Check whether the outside ground level is at least 150mm below the dampproof course. Reduce the ground level or clear away earth if necessary. The damp-proof course may be ineffective, or non-existent. In either case a new dampproof course must be installed at least 150mm above the adjoining ground level. Use a specialist firm which

gives a 30-year guarantee. Penetrating damp appears as patches on walls — not necessarily near ground level; sometimes on chimney breasts or just below roof level. This kind of dampness is caused by the weather penetrating the outer fabric of the building. Porous brickwork or brick

ioints will let rain water through the wall itself, as will cracked cement renderdefective facing on the out-side of the wall. Defective brickwork or ineffective "flashings" between the roof covering and a chimney stack above roof level can also allow damp in.
On external walls check

the condition of the bricks and the soundness of the mortar joints and repair and repoint as necessary. Check cement rendering and external claddings for cracks and gaps and repair.

For damp on chimney breasts, check the presence of a five lining and the condition of the chimney stack between brickwork and mortar joints. Check water can get in.

Steamed up windows, damp walls and ceilings left moist will attract mould growth black spot. Condensation is caused by cooking, washing and even breathing out. It can occur within the structure, such as in chimney flues, if proper ventilation is not provided.

Remove the water vapour at source or minimise cold surfaces on which condensation can occur. Water vapour can be removed by open windows, extractor fans, or dehumidifiers which collect moisture. Heat or insulate cold surfaces and install double glazing.

Cracks through external walls could mean subsidence, settlement, shrink-

age or wall-tie failure. The same applies to cracked ce-ment rendering, which is often symptomatic of structural movement. Get professional advice property may need to be monitored by a surveyor or structural engineer.

A THINGS THAT

Knocking or banging noises may be coming from water pipes containing trapped air or from excessive mains pressure, which can easily be remedied by "bleeding" radi-

ators or reducing pressure. Pipes may be too loosely fixed to walls — or too tightly to allow for heat expansion. It is also worth checking if the boiler is causing the noise — if so, scaling may have built up inside and it may

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PROPERTY NEWS



Oriental drawing room at Monkton House

Passed over by Cromwell

A FORTIFIED laird's house, dating from the 14th century, is for sale for the first time on the open market. Amanda Loose writes. Monkton House, only six miles from Edinburgh, was built as a safe house, in the form of a fortified tower house, by the monks of Newbattle Abbey.

Redesigned in the late 17th century by Sir William Bruce, the house was ignored by Cromwell and the like because it was thought to be too small to be a real military threat, so many of the original features have

The drawing room has 17th century panelling, now decorated with oriental murals, and a wattle and daub ceiling. The house also includes fortified tower with gun loops, stone spiral staircase and oyster shell decorations on the outside of the house which were intended to ward off witches.
Offers are invited in excess of £400,000.

House prices rise



in August. Average prices paid by first-time buyers increased by 1.1 per cent last month, to

141,903.

The Nationwide reports that prices have risen by 7.9 per cent since October 1995. The average price this October was £54,824, compared with £50,807 last year.

Nationally, properties are now selling at 94 per cent of the original asking price, according to the Blackhorse agencies Home Report for October, an increase of 3 per cent since their report in June.

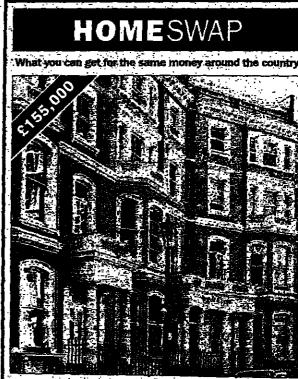
■ NEW legislation in London means that local authorities can recover from homeowners the cost of de-activating alarms that have been running for more than an hour. Councils can already insist that alarms are fitted with cut-out devices and to enter premises to stop the alarm.

■ THE buyer of a house in Carlton, Nottingham, will never be the sole owner. The Grey House, once home to an order of monks, has a legacy in the deed which states that a square yard of the grounds will always belong to God. The Grade II listed house. with coach house and seven bedrooms, is for sale at £345,000 (Savills, 0115-955 2255).

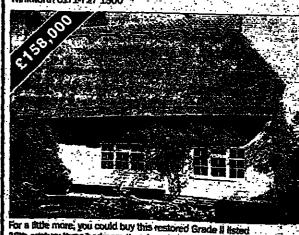
■ MODERN homeowners dream of Victorian homes with cellars and attics, not futuristic apartments, according to General Accident Property Services. The nationwide survey asked people to describe their ideal home for 2020. Almost a third would like cellars and 56 per cent an attic.

■ LANDLORDS are increasingly letting unfurnished properties, according to Hamptons Lettings Journal. In central London 34 per cent of the new tenancies started in the last quarter were for unfurnished property, compared with 26 per cent in the same quarter last year.

Hamptons links the rise to the new fire and safety regulations, making it a criminal offence for landlords to put furniture which



This two-bedroom flat (top right) on the third floor of a Victoria house in Argyli Court, Leuham Gardens above, overlooking the



18th-century three-bedroom thatched cottage near Clare; in Suffolk above) with views over open countryside. G.A. Town and Country



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A walk on the wild side

Clearing borders in autumn could mean sacrificing a great display in winter, says NIGEL COLBORN

et's face it, the gar-den is a mess just now. Borders are scruffy as autumn gold tarnishes to drabness and foliage dies away. There are few flowers left and even those that hang on are marred by frost. Everything everywhere is in decline. The burning compulsion is to arm yourself with clippers, rake and barrow and clear

the whole thing.

Traditionally. border plants are cut back to ground level at this time of year. But hold on, your action could be harmful. Not only do you risk damage to the habitat, you could also be sacrificing a magnificent winter display. One of the greatest threats

to our natural environment is obsessive tidiness. In towns and villages, local authorities and well-meaning volunteers hack and prune until nothing is left of the thistly corner where warblers nested.

Yet in the best of our gardens, the English planting style is, if not wild and abandoned, at least naturalistic. Even the most gen-teel of borders, if they follow patterns set by Robinson, Sackville-West and Margery Fish, waver between dishevelled romanticism, when they work, and green chaos. when they don't.

June's manicured flower border comes unstuck in July, when half the early perennials go to seed, but the autumn flush has yet to start. What was a relatively ordered wild garden in May could, in October, amount to a neglected corner. And why not? No planting can look perfect all the time.

Forget those excruciating best-kept village type of frontages, where precision-placed French manigoids are held in check by a blue line of lobelia, and consider the magnificence of a wide, border where the spring display transposes summer abundance. The scruffiness of fading tulips or narcissus might be

hidden beneath developing perennials, themselves en-hanced by a background of big campanulas or lilies —
 could surround the roses; or such climbers as sweet peas or clematis might grow through their branches. Then, as summer ends, and the changing leaves and the shiny hips on the shrub roses set off the late asters, surprises would appear at the border front: hardy cycla-men or lilac colchicums.

To hack your way into that lot, just because the last of the plants has finished flowering, seems an act of vandalism. Inevitably, you would be stopping the flow. Watching foliage run through its gentle transformation from green to brown can be absorbing, and if the right plants are present for a winter outline, November can be almost as rewarding as July.

all sedums such as 'Autumn Joy', for instance, have beautiful silhouettes; the large, floppy Euphorbia palustris runs through sevfloppy Euphorbia eral shades of old gold as it dies; Siberian iris seed cap-sules are distinctive on their erect stems, and even big daisies gone to seed can be beautiful. Some plants are as beautiful, even more so, in death as when they were green. Teasels, for example, make superb winter outlines, as do the cornflowers. And when all these plants are garnished with hoar frost on one of those precious sunlit winter days, that memory of your border may stay with you for longer than the

summer climax.

The main benefits, however, are enjoyed by wildlife.
Birds, particularly finches and other seed-eaters, rely on a late harvest to build up their body fat for winter. Since declining foliage will carry great numbers of in-



Left to their own devices, the Saville Gardens in Windsor Great Park are still a riot of late colour in autumn

through the stems, while blackbirds and song thrushes forage in the undergrowth for worms. Admittedly, such a mess can harbour slugs and other pests. You have to take the rough with the smooth, but benefits outweigh the dis-

advantages.
My own reasons for deciding never to cut back my borders were arrived at not as a result of a finely honed artistic sense but out of sloth. I was too idle to do the job one year and realised what I sects, tits. wrens and robins will also benefit and can be watched as they work year, I fretted over the untidi-

ness and decided after all, to cut things back. I ruined the nest of a hibernating hedgehog by almost driving my fork into his prickly side. Thereafter, I vowed never to trim or tidy until spring.

All I do now, if things are intolerably messy, is to re-move only plants that have collapsed, or that threaten to engulf their neighbours. Otherwise, I leave my beds to themselves until March when everything is pretty well worn out and must be made fit for the coming growing season. Spring, rather than autumn, is, after all, the time of renewal.

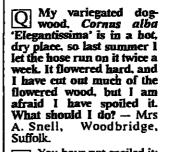
WEEKEND TIPS

- Plant fruit trees this month to allow time to establish an effective root system before spring. A piece of plastic pipe set down among the roots will allow easier watering in the first year or two.
- Evergreens and conifers planted last month should be watched for wind rock, and firmed in again after high winds.
- Pot up from the garden a few double or coloured primroses for Christmas display.
- Potted hydrangeas, plunged in the garden over summer, should be brought indoors, but kept on the dry side for a little longer.
- Complete the planting of tulips 4in deep is adequate but, for permanent planting, 7in is better.

GARDEN ANSWE

STEPHEN ANDERTON

replies to readers' letters



You have not spoiled it: it is a very tough plant. But it is also hungry and likes a soil which is moist and cool. So in spring cut it all down to 2-3in, and plaster around it a thick mulch of rich compost or manure. You could even give it artificial fertiliser as well if it is slow to respond. By next autumn it should have made a thicket of 3-4ft high red stems, which you can cut right down again the following spring. Like a lawn, you must feed it regularly to keep it strong.

Where can I buy seeds of Bidens qurea, and can I take them from this year's plants? - W.H. Rees, South Godstone, Surrey.

A Suttons lists Bidens au-rea, and all big seed companies sell Bidens ferulifolia, which is, I suspect, much the same thing from a practical point of view. Bidens used to self-seed in my gravel path in the North the year after I had grown it in pots nearby. So yes, save your own seed. It is an easy member of the daisy family. It can be overwintered as cuttings taken in autumn and kept under glass.

During the summer a large bracket fungus has grown at the base of our 100-year-old oak tree. I believe it is a parasite called Inonotus dryadeus. Will it harm the tree? — D. Barnett, North Leigh, Oxfordshire.

There is bad news and good news. This fungus eats away at heart wood destroying the core of the

tree. If it were on a beech tre I would be more worfied because, having been eaten alive, they tend to collapse quickly. Oaks are different. They survive such rots into old age, shedding limbs and branches, but continuing to live with a hollow trunk. For safety's sake it would be wise to get a tree surgeon to inspect the tree to see if it is structurally sound or likely to shed limbs. He or she may say leave well alone, and look at it again in a few years' time. You have options. All is not lost, But you cannot cure the tree.

The Judas tree in the northwest corner of my small garden is about 20ft high and had a bonanza flowering this year. However, a limb has torn off taking wood with it. The tree appears top heavy and I want to prune it. How do I do this? — Mrs B. Cathcart. Taunton, Somerset.

Cercis silquastrum, the A Judas tree, is a plant for hot, thin soils, and is good on chalk. Softer growing condi-tions — rich soil and abundant moisture - exacerbate the tree's tendency to produce forked stems, which are prone to gale or snow damage. (It is not a strong tree; if Judas really hanged himself on a Cercis I reckon it was just a cry for help, not a serious attempt.) The tree can be pruned but the response is unpredictable, new shoots not always coming where you would wish them to be. It is, therefore, better to thin the tree if necessary rather than carve it back, to reduce weight and assist

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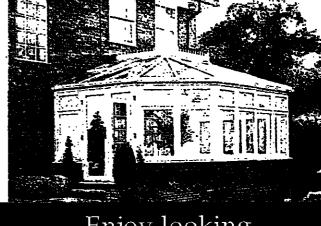
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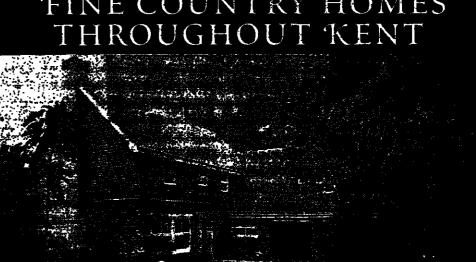
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Regency-style apartment homes, completed last year in Cheltenham, cost from £85,000 for two bedrooms to £204,000 for a penthouse

The blend of classical exteriors with up-to-date interiors is a tempting mix for

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today's buyers Three have already been reserved out of the first phase of five, even though the sales centre has yet to open. Yet the local agent, Pritchard and Partners, is selling a fourbedroom Georgian house in Park Street, just down the road from the lodge, for £255,000, including a separate flat, parking and a garden. It has open views, too,

but not set in 25 acres like Cavendish Lodge. In Cheltenham, Montpellier Apartments looks like a terrace of Regency houses. The 42 flats there sold quickly at between £85,000 for two bedrooms to £204,000 for a three-bedroom penthouse with a roof terrace.

The developer, Beaufort again, encouraged by the demand, started building a second terrace nearby last July. Imperial Apart-

flats, from £150,000 for twobedrooms to £350,000 for the penthouses. Ten of the 47 apartments have already been But £350,000 would buy a comfortable house out of town with two acres, or a house in one

ments is another terraced row.

with larger and more expensive

of Cheltenham's glorious, old classical terraces. Allen & Harris is marketing an imposing house in Lansdown Parade, at £185,000. It has four bedrooms, two recep-tion rooms, a self-contained flat, and a patio garden backing on to the tennis courts of Cheltenham Ladies College. But, the agent says, it needs "some updating", and there's the rub. Although refurbishment would cost, say, about £30,000, the hassle involved would not appeal to people such as the Beaufort clientele, for whom convenience is a must.

The Beaufort buyers are first charmed by the elegant Regency-style ex-terior of the Cheltenham apartments. The interiors are ultra-modern and have basement car-parking with direct lift access to each apartment, a security system including video entry and intruder alarms, high-spec kitchens with integral appliances, wiring for total-sound CD systems, heat and sound insulation. Maintenance costs are low.

The design of these three developments could be dubbed progressive classicism, a term coined by the architectural historian Dr Tim Mowl in his book Cheltenham Betrayed to describe modern buildings where the architect has used classical details and proportions sensitively (he approves of Montpellier Apart-ments, while being less flattering about most of the town's other modern developments).

Imperial Apartments, next to the colonnaded Queen's Hotel at the top of the Promenade and built in 1818, is bringing to life the original plans made 160 years ago to complete imperial Square by surrounding the gardens with houses. A pavilion at the corner, a Broad Walk and a fountain were all completed. The classical squares of Cheltenham were designed with pavilions at all four

original plans, shown on the Merretts map of 1834, outlined the terrace that's being built in the same format, the architect, Ralph Guilor, says. "All the wrought iron railings, omate balconies, doors, stucco detailing, mouldings, parapets and single-

glazed, wooden windows are authentic. We're providing a niche for a Napoleonic fountain. "There would not have been car parking 160 years ago so we've devised a louvered grille to ventilate the basement car park and conceal car headlights."

Marjorie and Keith Imlah, who sold their five-bedroom, 100-yearold house because they wanted a smaller home, moved into a penthouse flat in Montpellier Apartments a year ago. The location was a big factor. It's a three-minute walk to the town hall, six minutes to the theatre, yet

Gardens. Our terrace faces south and we eat out there in summer," says Mr Imlah, aged 73. "We could have bought a bungalow with a large garage, but this is

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£210,000 to £385,000 last year. won a London Evening Standard award. Another development. Royal Thames Crescent, beside the river at Chiswick, has sold well. The best houses there cost more than £500,000.

This architectural style has proved itself down the ages; it's pleasing to the eye," David Pretty, the chairman of Barratt Southern, says. "Classic is widely liked by all ages and nationalities. "Our experience shows that

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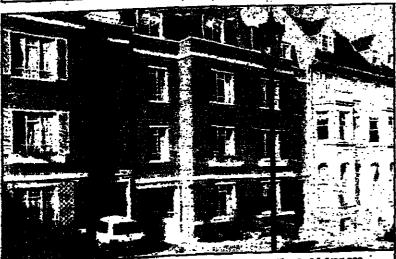
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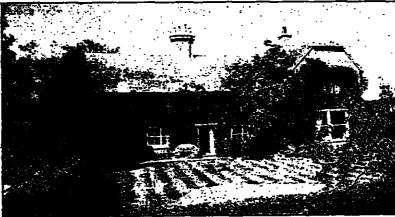
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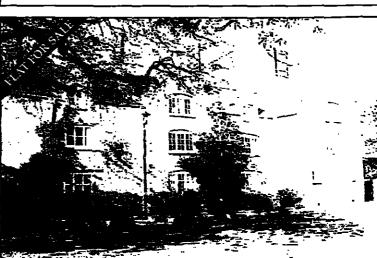
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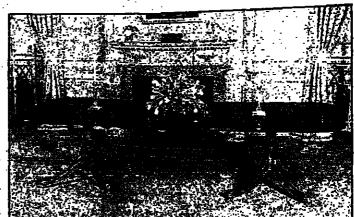
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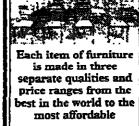


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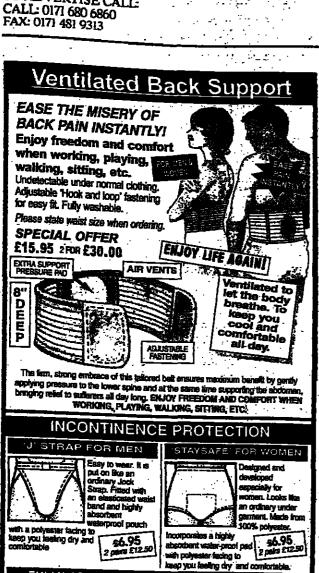
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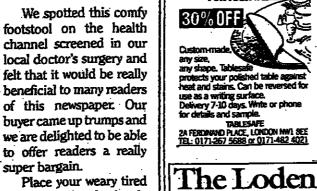
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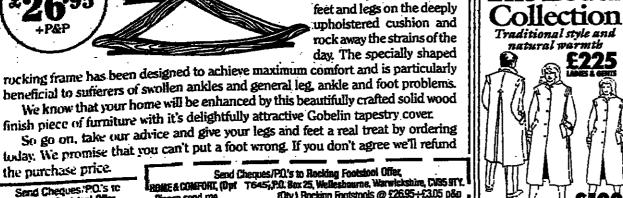


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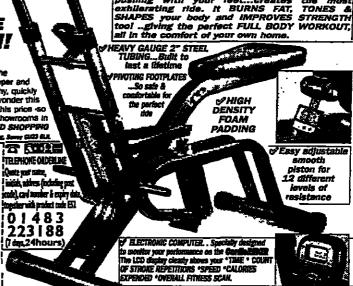
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Sniffer dogs can be trained to detect anything from drugs to dry rot and even human illnesses. CHRISTIAN DYMOND reports

Dogs with a nose for trouble

labrador and a trainee member of the West Midbrated his first birthday in a burntout hotel at Edgbaston, Birming-ham. The dog is employed by the service to detect the use of fire accelerants such as petrol, white spirit, paraffin and lighter fuel in

suspected arson cases.

Star can sniff out minute quantities of petrol, even if 95 per cent of it has evaporated. That's far better than a human or a machine could do, says his handler, Clive

Gregory.
As their use for detection indicates, dogs are second to none when it comes to sniffing out trouble. A few years ago a letter was published in the Lancet from two doctors working in the dermatology department of a London hospital. A patient had been referred to them with a malignant melanoma on her thigh. Apparently she had first become aware of the lesion after her pet dog (a cross between a border collie and a doberman) constantly sniffed at it, even when she wore trousers. This continued for several months and prompted the woman to seek medical advice. The dog may have saved her life.

In America there is reported to be a dog that has been trained to detect cancer. George, a schnauzer. is said to have a 99 per cent success rate and to have identified early lung cancer from breath samples, as well as malignant melanoma.

Five pet dogs in Britain. including a border collie, a labrador and a Jack Russell, have been trained by the charity Support Dogs to alert their owners of epileptic seizures by detecting a slight change in their owners 20-30 minutes before a seizure. It is still not known how they do it. The dog can warn with a bark or by jumping up, a signal

Lex, an alsatian, has been working at a club in Sunderland for the past month. Seven nights a week he joins the queue at the Nite Klub to

ast month Star, a black sniff out any drugs that may be smuggled into the premises. His handler, Sandra Wood, believes he is the first dog to be used by a night-club in Britain for this purpose and says that without him, checking the building and the 1,300 clubbers a night for drugs would prove very

The former RAF dog has a "pro-active role" when he is let off his lead to search the club premises and a "passive response" role when Ms Wood walks him along the line of clubbers on the lead. Staff are scrutinised as well.

If Lex senses something amiss with one of the clubbers he sits down and waits for them to produce what he expects will be a scented training aid. "In the first two weeks we had him there were 13 arrests but since then there has

been nothing," Ms Wood says.
In Britain, labradors, golden retrievers and springer or cocker spaniels are the breeds normally used for detection work, and favoured by the Metropolitan Police in London. Most of the Met's 34 specialist search dogs, which all live at home with their handlers. are gift dogs. They started their lives as family pets but for some reason or another their owners could not keep them and donated them to the police.

The Met says there is a shortage of ten to 12-month-old dogs (puppies, are not encouraged because it is impossible to assess them at that age) of the preferred breeds suitable for training.

Police regional dog training schools are always on the look out for potential recruits, but the animals have to be asssessed first. Even if the breed is right the dog may not be temperamentally suitable for the work.

The Met's search dogs are mainly engaged in tracking down drugs, firearms and explosives. Other does are used to search for bodies. and one dog is at present being trained to scent fire accelerants.



Lex the alsatian, with his handler Sandra Wood, at work in a Sunderland nightclub checking members for possible drug possession

A find is rewarded by praise and play, not food. Food might start the dog looking for more food when it is out on a search.

Initial training for the dogs is for about eight weeks, then there are two one-week refresher courses during a year. The dogs' working life is seven to eight years.

The idea of using sniffer dogs in the Met came from an international police seminar in Paris in the 1960s. A detective sergeant heard that dogs had been used in South America to search for smuggled coffee. Officers reasoned that if dogs could be trained for that they could be used to sniff out cannabis and other drugs.

In this country, collies are the favoured animal for the Search and Rescue Dog Association (England). The organisation is involved in about 75 searches a year, many in moorland and mountainous areas.

Collies can work for a long time in hilly conditions and at long distances from their handlers.

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Most poisonings are accidental. Dogs often die from eating a large quantity of pesticides, such as slug peliets, usually straight from the packet. A few pellets scattered round the garden do not pose much of a risk, but a handful eaten from a split bag left in a shed can be lethal.

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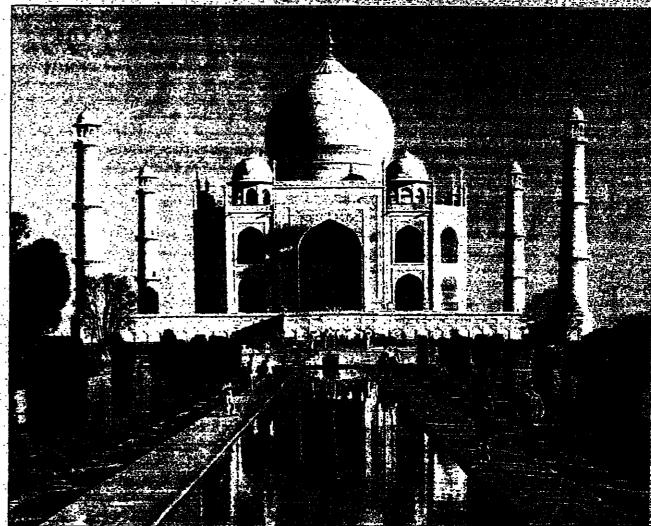
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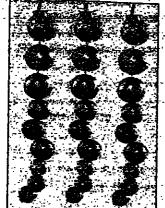
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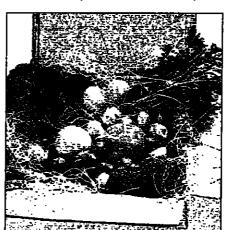
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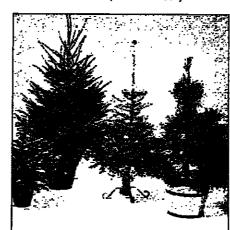
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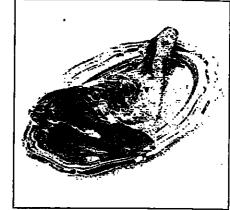
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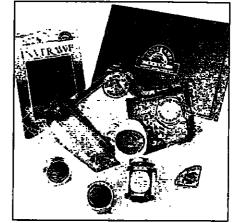
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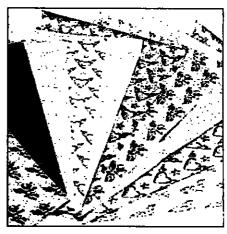
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THE thought of five sermons in one sitting, even with each one limited to a maximum of ten minutes, could have been enough to put the most tireless ecclesiophile off church for life. But perhaps it was the exceptionally high quality of these sermons that kept the hundreds in the congregation transfixed in their seats for the two-hour duration.

This was the final of the second Preacher of the Year award, organised by the College of Preachers and spon-sored by The Times. Busloads of supporters had arrived from as far afield as Yorkshire and the Welsh valleys. The preachers, whittled down to five from an initial entry of 250 and a shortlist of 30, seemed calmer than their

supporters as they waited, side-by-side in the front row.

After the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, prayed for all those charged with preaching the truth, we sang the beautiful communion hymn, Just as I am, without one plea. Then it was time for Canon Bill Anderson of St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Aberdeen, to kick off. The only Catholic to make the shortlist and final, he seemed the most nervous until he got into his stride on his text, from Psalm 51: "The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit a broken and contrite heart. O God, shalt thou not

lines can be blurred at times, the vice seeming almost to be the virtue." The Rev Christopher Burkett, vicar of Whitegate in Cheshire, preached on Psalm 55: O that I had wings like a dove for then would I flee away and be at rest." He told the moving story of his own terror as a boy when he yearned to escape his godfather's plan to take him to Sunday school for the first time. Dr Arnold Kellen, author of Ee By Gum. Lord!. a version of the gospels in

despise." In the end, he epitomised his

topic. The harde goes on, in all of us, between pride and humility; and the



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Yorkshire dialect, preached on Jerusalem, "a city at unity with itself" according to the psalm. He addressed this impossible text admirably. The only hope of unity lies not in conferences and resolutions, but in a change of heart in a sufficient number of individual men and women," he said and continued: "It has suddenly become fashionable. indeed compulsory, to talk about moral values and the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. And yet there's little talk, and less conviction, about what happens when we die."

Mrs Peat, preaching on the psalmic reference to singing the Lord's song in a strange land, sang the Boney M hit from the pulpit. "Why do we insist that God's song can only be sung in a building that looks and feels like a stately home," she said, reminding us that we live in "a land of strange music. Just listen to what comes out of your teenage children's bedrooms, or the

stereos of cars on the street." Finally, it was left to the Rev Bernard Thomas, an Anglican from the South Wales valleys, to tackle the most difficult rext of the day from Psalm 149: "Let the of 1996 (Cassell, £9.99).

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praise of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands." Like all the finalists, Mr Thomas had not chosen the text for himself but had it presented to him. But he rose to the challenge with fiery Welsh zeal. Christ himself had warned that he came not to bring peace, but a sword, he reminded us: "It is cruciform in design and, like the cross, it can defend and save as well as maim and destroy. So we assert that the proper service of the Christian sword is to defend and keep the faith."

A heated debate between the judges of Booker-style intensity followed. The winner surprised many, but none was more astonished than the priest himself. Mr Anderson declared himself "astounded" as he ascended the chancel steps to collect his prize, a bronze designed by Ros Stracey of a dove. representing the Holy Spirit.

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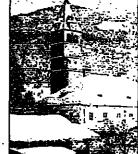
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At my feet lay a litter of shells, harvested by the auumn ploughing. On the opposite ridge stood the great bulk of the Thiepval Memorial to the 73,000 men missing on the Somme: two reminders that something terrible happened here. Battlefield visits are grow-

ing more popular and few battlefields attract as many visitors as those of the Great War. Tens of thousands of people, mostly British, arrive every year in Ypres. Arras or Albert to tour the sites, perhaps because they are interested in the Great War or perhaps, although with increasing rarity, to visit the grave of a family member who was cut down.

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For reading about the war before you visit, Sarah Anderson of the Travel Bookshop (0171-727 7694) recommends: Birdsong, a novel by Sebastian Faulks (Vintage, E5.99, ISBN 0 099 38791 3).

Battlefields of the First World War by Major and Mrs Holt (Pavilion, E7.99, ISBN 1 857 93770 8). The Somme Battlefields by Martin and Mary Middlebrook (Penguin, £12, ISBN 0 140 12847 6). Michelin Green Guide to Flanders, Picardy and the Paris Region (£8.50, ISBN 2 061 34402 X).

Further information from the Belgian Tourist Office, 29 Princes Street, London WI (0171-629 0230) and from the French Government Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London WI (0171-493 5174).

could mix and mingle, write letters, have a bath or play the piano, away from the constant thunder of the guns. Toc H" functioned throughout the Great War and is still in operation today, offering cups of tea and simple selfcatering accommodation. As a base for visiting the battle-fields around Ypres "Toc H" can hardly be bettered. Then

it is time to drive south across the flatlands of Flanders and Hainault, where every small rise was once bitterly contested. Just across the French border lies Armentières, a busy town today, seething with mademoiselles and good restaurants. Aubers, where the battle of Aubers Ridge took place in 1915, is pretty but

DUNCAN STEWART

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Festubert and Neuve-Chapelle are undistinguished and the battlefield of Loos is overlooked now, as it was in 1915, by slag heaps of the local coal pits.

On therefore, to Vimy Ridge for splendid views across the Douai plain and the scene of Canadian tri-umphs. The Canadians are very good at memorials and this one is no exception. The tunnels and trenches have been preserved, the young Canadian guides who come to work here in the summer are well-informed and the site of this successful Great War battle makes an enjoyable visit.

o too does pretty Arras to the south. another of these medieval wool towns now restored to something approaching its former gran-deur. The Grande Place and the Place des Heros are magnificent, lit up after dark and ideal for an after-dinner

And so, on the following morning, to the Somme. The centre for touring the Somme battlefields is the little town of Albert, where the Hotel de la Basilique does a very good lunch. This stands beside the basilica topped by the famous Golden Virgin which was hit by shellfire and hung

out over the street below.

Infantry marching up to the Old Front Line had to pass under the leaning Virgin of Albert, and the story went that when she fell the war would end — as indeed it did, shortly after she finally toppled in 1918. The Virgin is now back on her pedestal and can be seen from many parts of the battlefield if the weather is fine.

The battlefield of the

Somme is becoming a tourist attraction. There are museums at Albert and at Deiville Wood, cafés have sprung up in the villages to serve tea to British visitors. And the visitors are there in numbers. consulting maps and examining memorials, the men interested, their wives patient, the children frankly bored. You need a guide or to do a little reading to visualise what happened.

And yet the Somme will never be just another place to visit. A thousand cemeteries see to that. The Old Front Line is a place of pilgrimage. and those countless silent headstones will keep it that way, as they have done for

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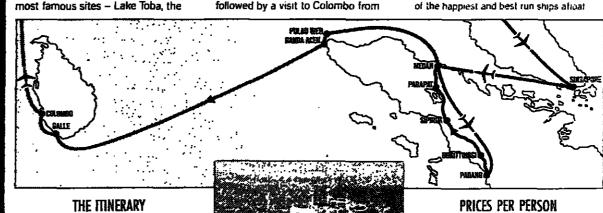
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Africa: The best way to see wildlife in the remote parts of Zambia and Malawi is from the back of a horse



The easy rider takes pride of place

her tracks and refused to budge another foot. We watched as five others lurched their way to the other side of the boggy swamp, at times almost disappearing into the squelching mud. Beyond the valley ahead loomed two large mountains, denuded and charred by bush fires. Behind, was a slope so steep that we had had to dismount

to get down it.

Mwezi, an ex-polo pony, considered the option of remaining on her own with a novice rider and discarded it.

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Mwezi disappeared up to her The safari, put together by neck. I disappeared up to my David Foot, an English neck. I disappeared up to my waist. Horse and rider emerged muddled on the other side, only to be confronted by an unfordable

river so we had to turn back. Our guide, Harry, who had been following animal tracks in unchartered territory in the Nyika valley in Malawi, refused to admit defeat. Three hours later, I galloped into camp, with a

very sore bottom.

The five-day ride in the stunning hills of the Nyika National Park amid herds of roan, eland, reedbuck and zebra, was part of a three-week "wilderness" safari.

guide, covered some of the remotest parts of Zambia and Malawi. Riding and walking sa-

faris are becoming increas-ingly popular in Africa where old hands are tiring of the ritual of watching animals from the comfort of a Land Rover, while several other Land Rovers look on.

Foot, who has his own wood cabin at the Nyika, in the North West tip of Malawi, has been running the riding salaris for the past two years. He has 21 horses, thoroughbreds and mixedbreed bush ponies, many of them brought from Zimbabwe. All are rigorously trained for safari before being let loose on clients.

Foot, who lived in Malawi as a boy and has an infectious enthusiasm for the country, has joined an informal group called the African Horse Safari Association, which has other members in South Africa, Botswana, Ke-

nya and Zimbabwe. Our group of six ranged from beginners to those who had ridden a bit but not for 20 years, to two experienced riders. Two opted out of the riding straight away, content with walking, bird watching or wildflower hunting - the SAFARI FACT FILE

■ Art of Travel (0171-738) 2038) offers tailor-made safaris in East and Southern Africa from £3.908 per person. ■ Heart of Africa Safaris (as above) offers safa-

ris in Malawi and Zambia. from £185 per person per night.

Remote Africa Safaris (as above) prices start at £160 per person per day. Reading: Survivor's Song by Delia and Mark Owens (HarperCollins, E8.99, ISBN 0 00638 096 4). Venture to the Interi-

or by Laurens van der Post (Penguin, E7.99, ISBN 0 14001 238 9). Guide to Malawi by Philip Briggs (Bradt, E10.95, ISBN 1 89832 335 6). Guide to Namibia and Botswana by Chris McIntyre and Simon Atkins (Bradt, £10.95, ISBN 1 89832 300 3).

Nyika has an abundance of spectacular birds and rare flowers, including 120 species of orchid. For the rest of us, it was early starts in the cool of the morning before a four or five-hour ride across rolling hills, following ani-mal tracks circling mountains and crossing streams. We often saw herds of zebra or roan sunning themselves

on the Nyika plateau or making their way to a The views were stream. breathtaking as we walked or trotted in single file, occasionally breaking into a gallop across the montane grasslands that cover more than 3,000km. At times, we scrambled up blackened hills with huge red swirls whipped up by the wind, or

MOZAMBÍQUE

illeys. By mid-afternoon, the sun hammering on our backs, we would spot the welcoming tents of our next camp snuggling in the dip of a valley, usually by a cool stream. Cups of tea and fruit cake appeared as stories of dangerous feats and wild animals were embellished. The tales grew wilder and more rancous as the gin and whisky bottles came out around the camp fire, saddle

Foot combines his riding safaris in the Nyika with walking safaris in other ar-eas of Malawi and in Zambia. We spent the first two weeks of the safari exploring the wilder regions of Zambia, venturing as far as possible from civilisation, after which we ended up on the shores of Lake Malawi for two days of heaven in a luxury hotel.

sores forgotten.

We pitched camp in wild isolated areas. One day, we passed a deserted village of five or six huts. The roof of one hut had collapsed. We were told that a lion had jumped into the straw hut and eaten the inhabitants a few days before. Hunters had hung a dead buffalo on the trees nearby in the hope of an easy catch. Other days, we crossed rivers on wooden

disappearing into the tall savannah grass the other

The most comfortable the most remote, was Mwaleshi, pitched on the edge of the Mwaleshi River, in North Luangwa National Park. We left our Land Rovers at the edge of the park and put ourselves into the hands of Brian Jackman, our guide for the next few days. As we walked and drove

round the park, he pointed out lions, elephants, hippos, buffalo, wildebeest and leopard. Our most exciting adventure occurred on the day we climbed up to some waterfalls in the Chichenda

we watched hippos lolling in clear-rock pools, then climbed further up the waterfalls to find somewhere to swim. We dived from the camp, although it was one of rocks into a small, deep pool about four metres long. where we cooled off.

Shortly after we got out, someone screamed. The huge head of a crocodile rested on the spot where, minutes earlier, we had hauled ourselves out of the -water, its yellow eyes staring at us menacingly.
We looked on in disbelief

before it slunk back into the pool, reclaiming its territory. JILL SHERMAN

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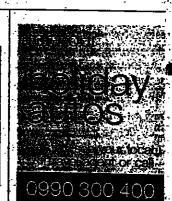
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International skiing: In the final part of his resorts guide, Doug Sager finds Austria caters for all levels

Peak viewing for absolute beginners

ADVERSITY may be the salvation of Austria. Having lost its attraction to upmarket skiers, lured to North America's surer snowfields, and deserted by bargain hunters who have found cheaper if not more cheerful drink in eastern Europe, Austria has an ace up its sleeve this winter — the schilling having measurably improved against sterling in the past 12 months. Austrià is also adopting American-style ski pass pricing. This is still on a small scale in the Oetzial and Gastein regions but ahead of its European rivals, meaning that skiers can buy ski passes on five out of seven days, thereby saving money and reducing pressure to ski for six days straight. Another American innovation, ski hosts who guide tourists to the best slopes, appears in Austria this season in the Arlberg. European resorts have been notoriously reluctant to introduce resort guides, antediluvian ski school directors arguing that they usurp the ski teacher's role. Austrian pistes are arguably safer than those of other Alpine nations, where the Austrian version of piste police, Piste Angels, are now in action.

losing 4 per cent of its market share last year, its resorts are not empty. Lech, Gargellen and Obergurgi are still booked for many weeks of the season ahead. And some of Britain's biggest tour operators mount their widest resort programmes in Austria, which continues to have the most efficient of UK-based national tourist offices. Self-drive skiers face an extra. if slight, expense in 1997. A motorway tax disc (£9 valid for two months) has been introduced. The disc is valid for toll-free travel on all Austrian

Although Austria has seen

a reversal of fortunes,

CLASSIO RESCENTE

discounts on some

THE skiing in St Anton puts it in the top five of the world's best resorts. This is where Ski Bunnies, now so politically incorrect, were invented, the poster fantasies of the film star skier Hannes Schneider, hero of what is still the world's best ski school, the Arlberg. The bunnies have gone, but ski burns take their place.

St Anton's night life is renowned for its rowdiness, but the early morning streets nave been quieter and cleaner these past two seasons. Skiing is just as hard core, on hard bumps and in soft powder runs, most famously off the rocky peak of the Valluga. Access here is restricted to skiers accompanied by a modintain guide, even though the long run form to Zurx is well within the limits of intermediate off-

Last year St Anion lost its long-standing place in Britain's top ten resorts according to volume of traffic. Kitzbühel is now the only Austrian resort in the UK top ten. Famous for its Hahnen-Kamm downhill race course, and at least equally so for its apres ski abandon, kitzbühel has lost skiers in recent years as visitors lose patience with poor snow

panence with poor snow cover and long lift queues.

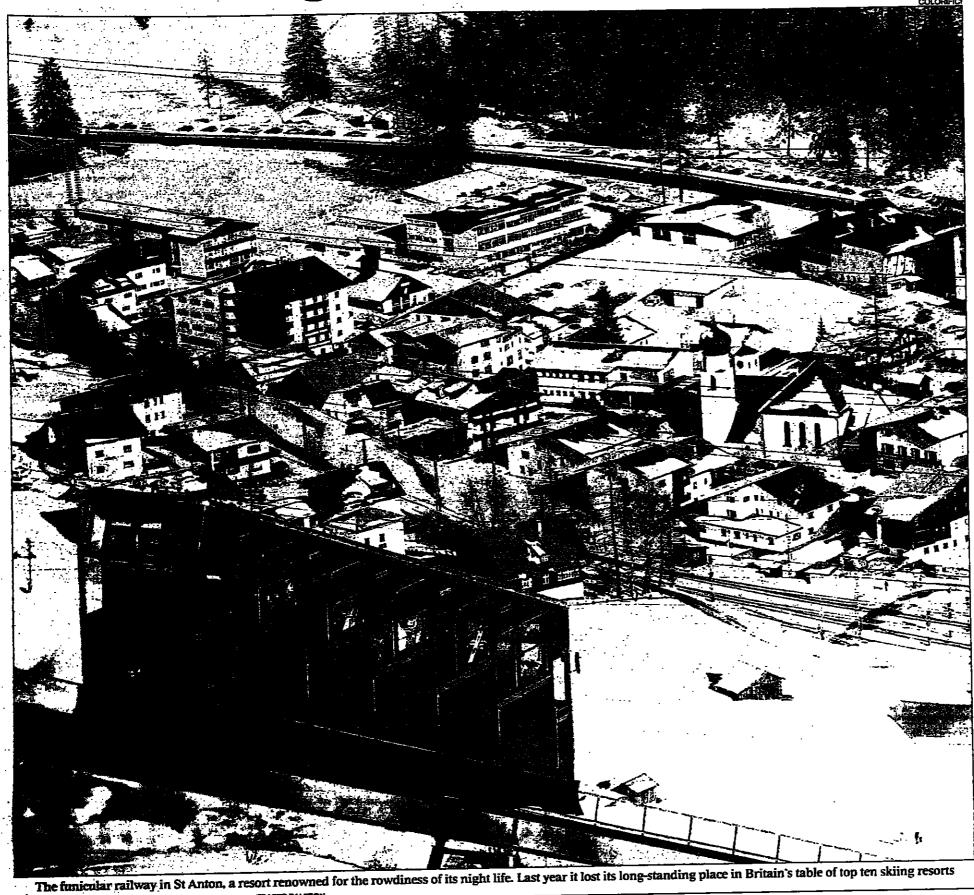
Both these problems have been redressed, not least by this year's new Hahnen-Kamm gondola, and Kitzbühel retains its title to the most architecturally attractive of any major ski town. Its hotels and cafes are comfortable and cusy. And there's lots for non-skiers.

Lech, although less known.

Lech, although less known to the average skier than kitzhühel or St Anton, is monetheless Austria's classiest resort, and arguably number one in the Alps when rated according to percapita income per visitor. Lech is linked on the extensive Artherg skt pass network which includes St Anton. But there are no direct lifts connecting the two resorts, a deliberate policy on Mech's part to exclude the horizontal street in the connecting the street in the connecting the street in t

polici, or so residents say.

Lech pampers its guests shamelessly, with magic carper moving pavement transport to the ski lift and with lifts inside the cable car building, where must other resorts in the Alps expect skiers to hike up steps. Piste gramming in Lech is consid-





The town centre of St Anton, still a world favourite



national standard. Pensions here have features like swimming pools and steam rooms usually found only in superior hotels.

perior hotels.

But Lech's ultimate commitment to guaranteeing the quality of its guests' skiing experience is its policy of limiting the total number of skiers on the slopes to 14,000. When, as rarely happens, this limit is calculated to have been reached, the road is closed and ticket windows shuttered.

UNLIKE France's bleak purpose-built complexes, Austria's wood and stone villages with their onion domed churches put a human face on skiing. Alpbach is typical of low altitude Austrian villages. This year snowmaking has been increased by 50 per cent. Nursery slopes are excellent, and access from Innsbruck is quick and convenient.

Gargellen is less known to British visitors, yet it is one of the best family venues in Austria. only 150km from Zurich airport and part of the extensive, easy skiing Montaion ski pass region. Obertauern, at 1740m, is an Austrian anomaly a French-style purpose-built village high above the tree

rain. Saalbach-Hinterglemm's 200km of pistes are
well linked, this winter seeing the addition of a six-man
chairlift, and seldom bogged
down by queues. Not cheap
and by no means quiet at
night, the village of Saalbach
is particularly popular with
snowboarders. Skiing
around the SaalbachHinterglemm circus will not
frighten any intermediate,
and the sunshine record is
excellent.

Vallées in overall skiing ter-

excellent.

Austria's most easterly major resort, Schladming, counts only 140km of pistes. and few of these are well connected. But the old town is genuinely delightful, the skiing ego-inflating for intermediates and blessed with an extensive snowmaking system. Advanced skiers have the option of day trips to nearby Obertauern and the Deebstein placers.

the Dachstein glacier.

The Oetztal ski arena above Solden is even smaller, at just over 100km of pistes, but one of the liveliest après ski scenes in the Alps and sometimes offering glacier skiing, depending on snow conditions. The town of Solden is unabashedly ugly, which is unusual for Austria, but the young intermediates who go seldom see the straggling main street by deviced.

daylight.
Ischgl's Silvretta ski pass region features 200km of intermediate pistes and the attraction of skiing into duty free Samnaun in Switzerland. The village is charming, unspoilt and boisterous at night. Two new lifts this season should ease the queues considerably.

WELL WATCHING

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average prices, its superb

snow record means that it is

Obertauern is a good choice

for families of mixed abil-

ities, its largely friendly ter-

rain being supplemented by some challenging off-piste

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WHEN it comes to vast

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(b) A disease of admiration; a biographer's tendency to magnify his subject. An eponym of James Boswell, Johnson's admiring biographer.



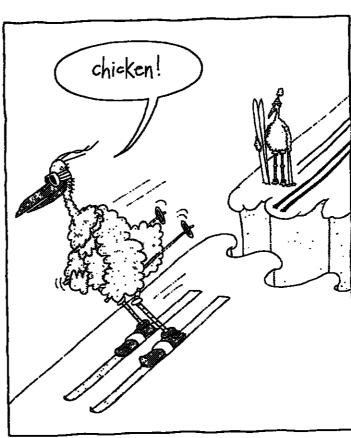
going to Austria, but they have a wealth of choice. Crystal (0181-399 5144), for example, has mounted the largest of all its programmes (30 resorts) in Austria. Inghams (0181-780 4444) also offers more resorts (26) in Austria than anywhere else. Thomson (0990 329329) follows with 15 Austrian resorts. First Choice (0161-745 7000) has 14. Neilson (0113-239 4555) has 13 and Airtours (01706 260000) has eight Austrian destinations. ■ Made to Measure (01243 533333) can custom design skiing holidays in 25 Austrian

■ Mark Warner (017)-393 3131) has a highly regarded programme in St Anton. ■ Ski Total (0181-948 6922) is one of the few operators with both a chalet and hotel in Lech and three chalets in St

Ski Equipe (0161-440 0010) features both hotel and chalet holidays in St Anton.

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Helsinki: Fine architecture, music and food add some spice to a weekend's sightseeing and island hopping'

Baltic tour starts with the Finnish

elsinki is rel-atively small for a capital city, but there is more than enough to see and do there on a weekend visit.

The language might seem daunting at first - on your hotel-room television the incredibly long Finnish words seem to fall off the side of the screen when there are subtitled films — but most visitors quickly learn to cope.

Helsinki is a port, and the place to begin sightseeing is at the open-air Kauppatori market at the harbour's edge. It is a jolly place overflowing with fresh fish and fruit, and many Finns take their breakfast of coffee and cakes there. In the middle is a tall obelisk known as "the toothpick".

Out in the harbour, Baltic liners come and go among the smaller craft — when I was there the Queen of Sweden's ship was lying at anchor - and this is the place to get a boat out to Suomenlinna, the group of fortified islands where Helsinki really began.

They now have restaurants and beaches, but the massive fortifications are still there. These were built by the Swedes in the early 18th century to defend their part of Finland from the Russians, and it was under their protection that the fish-ing village of Helsinki started to grow.

By the early 19th century the Russians had seized the whole of Finland, and in 1812 Tsar Alexander I decreed that Helsinki should become the Finnish capital. It was after this that the beautiful old part of Helsinki began to be built, and it remains largely unspoilt.

From the market you can see a fine line of Neo-Classical houses along the quayside, including the town hall and the president's palace, though he does not live there any more. These were both built by the architect Carl Ludwig Engels, whom the tsar brought in to create the new capital. Engels laid out the wide streets, mostly at right angles, which make

it so easy to find one's way about the centre of the town. Senaatintori or Senate Square, Engel's main glory. is dominated by the Lutheran cathedral, which rises from the top of a great flight of granite steps and has soaring gilt domes. To one side of it stands the Senate building, on the other the

long facade with Ionic col-umns of Helsinki University. In the middle of the square there is an 1863 statue of Tsar Alexander II, who gave Finland its independent currency, the markka (mark). and established Finnish as the national language. There

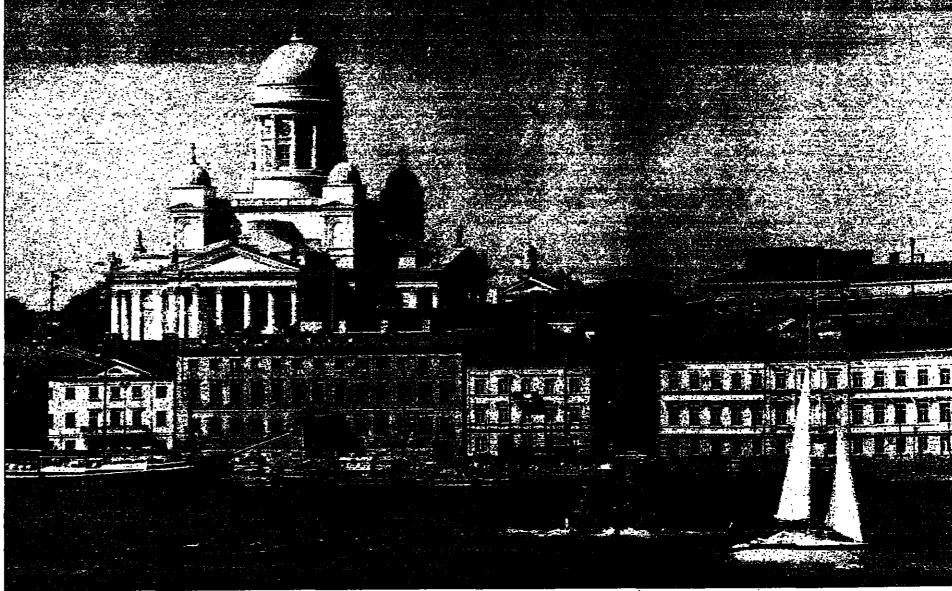


are also smart boutiques and cafés in the square, and a little museum of curiosities.

At the turn of the century a wave of new nationalistminded young architects launched National Romantic architecture, the Finnish version of Art Nouveau. If you walk from the market up the double-laned Esplanadi into the more modern part of Helsinki, you come across many fine blocks and build-ings from this period, their sculpted façades adorned with bears, squirrels and other countryside motifs.

The "skyscraper" tower on the Torni Hotel startled people when it was built at about this time, but it is now a useful landmark for the walker, and there is a lively bar on its top floor from which you can see the city spread out below.

Finland achieved independence in 1917, and since then it has moved into the modern world with a vengeance. An arm of the sea cuts through Helsinki, with a park stretch-



The magnificent Lutheran cathedral in Senate Square, with four towers and a soaring, gilded central dome, dominates Helsinki's waterfront, lined with Neo-Classical houses

ing along the shore, and it is here that you can find two of the most impressive new buildings - Alvar Aalto's Finlandia Hall, a concert and congress hall of 1975, and the enormous National Opera, which opened three

It is worth finding out what music and opera is on in Helsinki before you go; it is always of a high standard. This week a powerful new

opera based on Josef and Karel Capek's Insect Play opened, with music by the Finnish composer Kalevi

Food and drink in Helsinki can be very enjoyable. A great delicacy is reindeer steak, which tastes like tender, sweet venison and is often served with a wine sauce. Seafood is outstanding; I had a really delicious rice salad with prawns on a

trip round the islands. Finnish pancakes are good, especially when served with cloudberry jam. There is also a delicious, red cloudberry liqueur. But prices are high in Helsinki, especially for alcohol, on which there is heavy duty. Two large beers

can cost £6. The best area for bars and clubs, of varying degrees of decorousness, is around Annankatu street, not far from the Torni hotel skyscraper. Friday night is when Finns really like to get drunk.

On a long weekend there is country north of Helsinki. of Helsinki city council.

Further north, a plethora of lakes and forests stretch for hundreds of miles. But these would need a whole summer to get around.

Two places within fairly easy

reach by bus or hired car are

the house of the composer

Sibelius at Jarvenpā, in a

peaceful lake and forest set-ting, and the charming "Nat-

ional Romantic" house of the

architect Eliel Sarinen in

similar surroundings at

Hvitträsk. It was here that I

ate my reindeer.

DERWENT MAY he author was a guest

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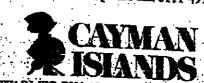


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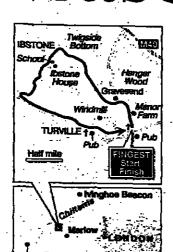
best seen from the west, looking across the Oxfordshire plain. From there they look most impressive, a steep escarpment running across the land from Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire in to the Thames Valley at Goring in Berkshire, topped all the way with a bronze crown of beechwoods.

The Chilterns behind that escarpment are a mixture of pes with the name "End". where streams run out, and Bottom, or riverless val-leys, all dotted with small villages and ancient churches. Today these hills are a dormitory for the London commuter or a weekend retreat for the chattering classes.

in medieval times, Chiltern residents were made of sterner stuff. These thick beechwoods were then the highwaymen, who preyed on the traffic down the Oxford to London Road. That royal appointee, the Steward of the Chiltern Hundreds, was charged with catching these villains and hanging them from the nearest tree.

Times change. The foot-pads have gone and the ramblers have moved in, roving along the 1,000 miles of footpaths that seam these hills from end to end, with the Ridgeway long-distance footpath following the ridge for 60 miles, from Ivinghoe to the Goring Gap. Fortu-nately, there are plenty of shorter walks and this circular one around the Turville valley, which will take no longer than an afternoon, includes three of the prettiest villages, a variety of scenery and some very fine views.

The walk begins in the Buckinghamshire, five miles northwest of Marlow. The Chequers pub in Fingest offers a very good lunch and just across the road is the



Bartholomew, which has stood here since the time of Alfred, though the first recorded vicar arrived in 1217 and the gables date from the time of Crecy (1346). Follow the lane beside the church past Manor Farm and up to the crossroads at Gravesend. From there a track or greenway leads west along the northern foot of the ridge into the woods that lead to Twigside Bottom.

ecause the Chilterns are composed of chalk and the earth that cloaks the chalk can be muddy, boots or walking wellies are advisable and walkers should be careful on the steeper slopes. Once the woods broaden

out look for the track to the right, a proper footpath, which leads to Twigside Farm and out on to the lane by the school and Ibstone House, once owned by the writer Rebecca West. Three roads come together here and at the junction look for the stile and the path that curves down the hill to the little church of St Nicholas.

at the edge of Park Wood. The church, just south of Ibstone village, has a short wood-slatted tower, a fine yellow-washed church of St gallery and a number of

interesting tombs and memorials. Ibstone church, part Saxon, part Norman, part Early English, is also marvellously warm and well worth a visit on a chilly

winter day.

The beechwoods are the glory of the Chilterns and the last leg of the walk leads through them back to Turville. Go out the gate of Ibstone church and take the lane opposite which drops down along the south side of Park Wood. It then becomes a track and shortly afterwards a footpath. This path climbs slightly to the ridge that runs above the Turville valley and emerges on to an open grassy slope with wide views towards the Thames Valley and the east,

At the second track junc-

tion the main footpath drops down the side of the valley into Turville, which has a fine pub, the Bull and Butcher, and another beautiful, well tended church largely built in the local flintstone. This is also the fictional parish church of Dawn French in the television series The Vicar of Dibley. St Mary's, Turville has some medieval blazonry attributed to the Dukes of Burgundy and a small exhibition of photographs illustrating the life and work of the Chiltern "bodgers", those hardy woodmen who lived in these hills until recent times and made chair parts for the furniture factories of High

Wycombe. Overlooking Turville, and a landmark for miles around, is a fine whitepainted windmill with sails, and if it looks familiar that may be because it was featured in the film Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The windmill is now a private house but take the path up to it anyway, if only for the lendid views

Turville is a pretty place, very photogenic, and after a look around there take the footpath across the edge of



Exploring the village of Turville, with its beautiful parish church, provides a worthwhile stopping point on a walk through the Chilterns

the fields, around the base of Turville Hill and so back to Fingest for a well-earned drink at The Chequers.

The Chilterns are beautiful at any time of the year and splendid walking country. In winter deer can often be seen browsing on the beech mast; in spring the bluebells make a carpet under the beech trees; in summer the woods are shady and the grass lush; and in autumn the colours of the leaves are a glory to behold. This is a walk for al seasons, the perfect way to spend a day.

ROBIN NEILLANDS

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zaak Walton wrote The Compleat Angler, his classic idyll on the joys and strategems of fishing, in 1653. Few, apart from dedicated anglers, now read his detailed descriptions of this ancient sport. But the tranguil and bucolic resonance of his work is enough to associate it for ever in the mind with the pastoral ideal. Not surprisingly, therefore, the hotel standing on the spot in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, where Walton is believed to have written his work bears

the same quaint title. Not all visitors to this Trust House Forte hotel are anglers, but few can escape the association. Marlow is one of the most picturesque little towns nestling on the river's sheltered bends in the Thames Valley. A weir where the water cascades downstream on its way to London stretches in a noisy, splashing line beside the hotel, and lingering over a fine dinner watching the river is the best

part of a stay.

Nothing could be so quintessentially English and the hotel has long attracted visitors seeking such a mood:

J.M. Barrie, Noël Coward
and Nancy Mitford were
among the visitors before the
Second World war. Edgar Wallace Scott Fitzgerald and Talhilah Bankhead set a trend for Americans. Heath-row airport, 20 minutes away, has brought Marlow uncomfortably close to the

international commuter. Marlow town has enough history and heritage to fill a weekend: the High Street has houses from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, coaching inns, bow-windowed shops, half-timbered buildings and old pubs with low beams to give you a very sore head. The old 12th-century church was subject to constant flooding and, when its founda-tions finally rotted a century ago, it was replaced by an imposing Victorian Gothic building that competes for attention with the slender. white-painted suspension bridge of 1832

George III lived at Marlow before he became king. Shel-ley lived there in 1818 and wrote his Revolt of Islam.



Marlow: the hotel and weir

while his wife, Mary, wrote Frankenstein, T.S. Eliot lived in West Street and used to cycle to Maidenhead for the London train each day. Commuters nowadays are

richer. The branch line survives, just, but it is mostly Jaguars and BMWs that take the executives to London; their houses, wives and lifestyle among the most affluent in the country. Marlow, with some 14

boutiques, is a paradise for well-heeled tourists - hardly the image of the rustic Thames Valley that was forever fixed in a literary cliché by Jerome K Jerome. The procession of boats that people mess about in now have computer-assisted navigational aids, and full cocktail cabinets.

Henley-on-Thames, Cookham and the historic little towns up and downstream from Marlow lock are as picturesque as ever. But their quainmess has been over restored, over-exploited.

Towever, the rustic world still exists, only a few miles away. Kenneth Grahame set The Wind in the Willows along the riverbank and modelled Toad Hall on nearby Harleyford Manor.

Walkers can still happen upon the lost world of Ratty and Mole, but to escape the sufficating intimacy of the river valley you have to go into the Chilterns. There is plenty to see here: Cliveden. whose famous set mixed scandal and high politics for several generations; West Wycombe, with its 18th-cennury mausoleum and hill caves where Sir Francis Dashwood founded the notorious Hell Fire Club;

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France/Spain: Leslie Thomas takes the train from Salisbury to Malaga; plus Paris up-date and world travel

No strain on the train to Spain

ravelling by train through central France is like travelling in space; the views are pleasing but you don't see many people. From Paris to Montpellier, something like 400 miles and four hours 40 minutes as the TGV whirred headlong through the autumn country. I saw only a man fishing in a lake and, just after Nimes, almost at the end of the Nimes, almost at the end of the journey, a girl in a white dress. riding a bicycle past a comfield.
Undoubtedly there were others,

but our journey was so speedy that they vanished. Until we whirted through Valence after two hours 20 minutes, we never went by a platform nor saw a town. The northern flamess went out of France, replaced by hills and vines and sloping meadows occupied by static white cows. Apart from the train, only the sunshine moved, flitting across the landscape, rising

across slopes, ducking into valleys, glowing in rivers and ponds.

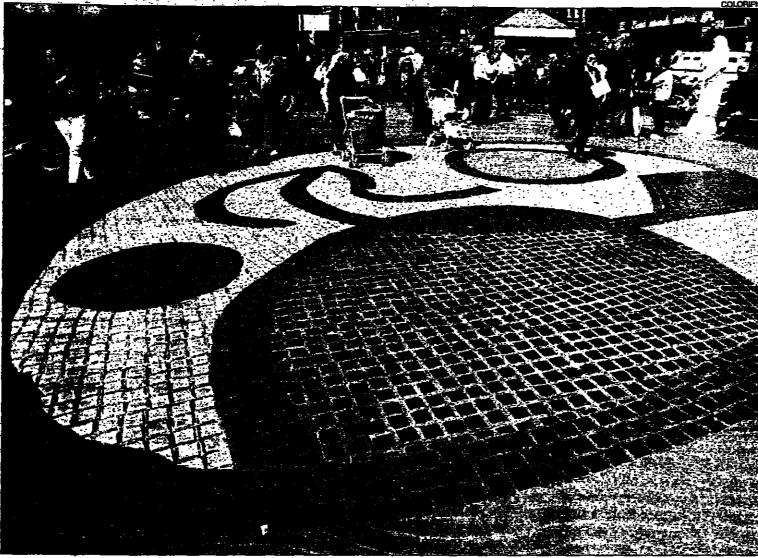
Our idea of journeying from our house in Salisbury, Wittshire, to our second home in the south of Spain was, we thought, a particularly good one. Not something that would stand beside some of the explorations so often described in these pages, but an adventure

The Channel crossing had been stormy, but we only read about it in Paris. As the waves rolled, we were having lunch a quarter of a mile below them, in the calm of the cunnel. It was the first time my wife, Siana, and I had done this; catching the 12.53pm Waterloo Eurostar and being at the Gare du Nord by mid-afternoon.

What I missed was the anticipation of arriving in France Ever since I was in my teens (the day I ordered a well-done steak tartare in Dieppe) I have always enjoyed seeing France coming towards me from the sea. Aboard the train, we were there before we knew it, overtaking juggernauts sizzling along a rainy motorway. It was as though we had never changed countries. Perhaps Eurostar should show a video of what we were missing - the travelling sky, the Channel clouds: the guils, the

We stayed on the Boulevard Latour Maubourg in one of those silent, almost concealed, hotels where late sunshine came into our third-floor room filtered through the coloured leaves of the trees outside. Paris will always be Paris, only more expensive. Sitting in a Left Bank cale, we listened to a youth playing a saxophone toreador, a corpse for was it The accompanied by another, on the Invisible Man? Eldorado, clad in burdo, an unusual combination A gold, a lost looking Columbus. It talling scruffy man and a tall gold—had to be very not in those costumes contrived a dance on the pavement. and the enclosed people try to We had dinner in a Creole

restaurant, where an exotic girl from Guadeloupe, in the French Caribbean, was so excited because er: the Monday she was starting a new job - with Norwich Union. While she was embarking on this adventure we were continuing with



One of the stopovers was in Barcelona, a city with a charm, grace and enthusiasm of its own, where designs by Miro (above) dot the walkways

ours at the Gare de Lyon. By the time she was doubtless returning breathlessly to describe to her mother the dramas of her first day we had reached Cerbère, the last station in France. We had changed at Montpellier to a sedate train and the pace was more chugging. Through a little tunnel under a hill we went and we were in Port Bou. the first place in Spain.

In the Rambias of Barcelona the pigeons sit on the roofs of the stalls here parrots are sold in cages. The pigeons peer in through the bars. envious of the birdseed available to the captives, and the parrots gaze out at the pigeons, envious no doubt of their freedom.

Below the trees were people dressed as statues or waxworks: a remain motionless. For a few pesetas you can have a photograph taken with them, and inquisitive children pinch them to see if they

During the Spanish Civil War my father was on a blockaderunning ship in Barcelona harbour. He was ashore in a bar (or somewhere) when the harbour was bombed and his ship sank with all hands. I was eight at the time and I remember the thrill of hearing our name announced on the wireless (they thought he had gone down with the rest). Then we had a telegram to say that he had sur-vived, and the insurance man had to be sent away.

arcelona is still enough to tempt a wandering sailor, or anyone else. It has charm, grace and enthusiasm. We had a suite in a wonderfully elegant hotel (marbled bathroom) for much less than the cost of our small room in Paris, and we had a fish dinner in one of the waterside restaurants in Port Olympic, established with great imagination for the Barcelona

Olympics.
Two mornings later, at eight, our train left Barcelona Sants station for its amazing 14-hour journey through Cataluna, La Mancha and eventually into Andalucia. The Spanish call the railway the ferrocarriel, the iron way (a railwayman is, romantically, el ferroviario) and this one followed

the coast to Valencia, where, in remarkable unison, the passengers stood up as though an anthem was being played and reversed their seats, then we progressed the other way, westwards to the interior.

The route was like a sickle, touching Alcázar de San Juan, deep into the country, and then down to Cordoba (stand up and all change seats) and finally out towards the sea again (change seats) to Malaga.

If Spain does not look quite as empty as it does from the air, it still looks empty. Melon farms gave way to wheatfields stretching, flat as Oklahoma, to the shimmering horizon. Sometimes a house would appear, white and isolated, sometimes a village, and occasionally a town, strong and remote on a rock, topped with a castle or a church. Even in the wilderness there were glimpses of a motorway but the train curled away as though af-

fronted, and headed for the hills. The train was often slow but never uncomfortable. We had a good lunch in an elegant dining car. They played light classical music throughout the journey, unfortunately neglecting to change the tape (Chopin's Minute Waltz seemed to last hours) and they showed a film. Steve Martin in Father of the Bride, which has been shown on every airplane I have flown for the past two years, this time in Spanish but no funnier.

It was more rewarding to look out of the window. Spain with all its many faces streamed by. Dried river beds, vast sweeps of rock and scrub, ruined houses, a goatherd with his goats, a man riding a horse. Night came down. We clattered on. Every few miles a lonely light shone. Then, at last, we saw the glow of the Costa del Sol and sturdily arrived in Malaga station. It had been 14 hours and 23 stops,

and we were on time to the minute.

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Celestial music in holy places

hen King Louis IX built Sainte-Cha-pelle in 1248 he did not have its use as a public concert hall in mind. Indeed, he found the lower orders so repulsive that he created a church in the basement of Sainte-Chapelle so that the servants would not worship alongside royalty.

Now, however humble your origins, you can spend the evening in the grandest possible manner in this church on Ile de la Cité, being serenaded by some of France's best classical musicians. An increasing num-ber of churches in Paris are opening their doors in the evening to classical music, and the experience is certainly superior to that of a dull municipal concert hall.

On a Sunday night recently, we went to hear The Trumpets of Versailles at Sainte-Chapelle, in the same building as the Palais de

Justice and the Conciergerie. Instead of queueing for entry during the day with Euro-coach parties desperate to gawp at Marie Antomette's cell, evening visitors wander through the marbled corridors of the palace. At night the church

was free from dictatorial tourist guides - instead, there was a well-mannered rustle of anticipation and only

PARIS

French voices to be heard. When the lights were lowered, with just a spotlight over the trumpeters and the organist before the altar, the church became as it was meant to be seen, not in electric glare but in halfdarkness. Although the magnificent

stained glass disappeared,

the pillars painted red and gold, or blue with fleur-delys, suddenly glowed. The gold stars glinted on the blue arched ceiling — 50ft high and an architectural marvel in itself. in itself — and carved wooden apostles seemed to move on their pedestals.

The trumpeters played Handel, Telemann and Vivaldi, the organist a Bach prelude and fugue, while the audience was lulled into a swoon by the atmosphere and the music.

Louis IX was extremely The bookshop chain FNAC religious and created Sainte-Chapelle to house the Crown of Thorns and other relics that he acquired from the

at a price said to be three times the cost of the actual building work. In medieval times the church was known as "a gateway to heaven". It is also a gateway to some of the city's best classical concerts several times a week. The economics make

sense, too — why pay Fr40 to be pushed through Sainte-Chapelle with a bunch of tourists when, for Fr90 or Fr150, you can luxuriate in the same surroundings for a two-hour concert?

The church concerts are advertised in the Pariscope listings magazine, published every Wednesday. So long as you turn up half an hour beforehand, most tickets can be bought at the door.

In an average week there might be Russian Orthodox songs from a St Petersburg ensemble at Sainte-Chapelle: Bach, Corette and Handel played on flute and organ at the Eglise des

Bilettes: a cello **INSIDER'S** soloist at Eglise St Julien **GUIDE TO** Pauvre; the Lyons choir at St-Louis en l'île, plus Purcell and Scarlatti played at the American church. The decision as to which con-

cert to attend depends on both the architectural and the musical desires of the party. Concerts at the Madeleine may lack

the intimacy of, say, Sainte-Chapelle, but they certainly make up for it in grandeur. tending more to orchestral than chamber music. The cavernous inside at

the Madeleine is parti-L cularly lavish with marble and gilt, and the musicians play before Charles Marochetti's Mary Magdalene Ascending to Heaven behind the high altar and candlesticks.

St-Germain-des-Prés. the city's oldest church, also has regular concerts and some free organ recitals. The church is an extraordinary mish-mash of oth-century. Gothic and Romanesque architecture, and there are those who swear that the low lighting and soft music do

and the Virgin Megastore under the Louvre sell tickets for church concerts: otherwise call the Pariscope listing.

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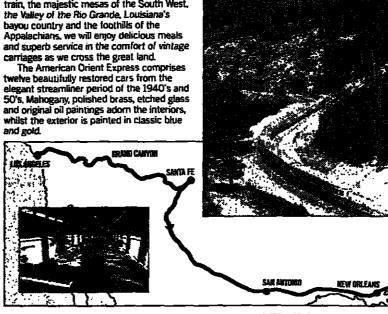


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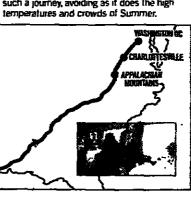
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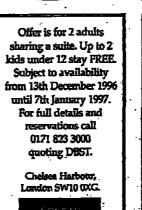
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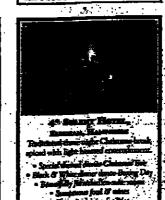
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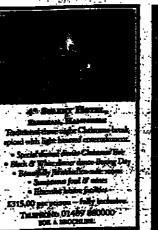
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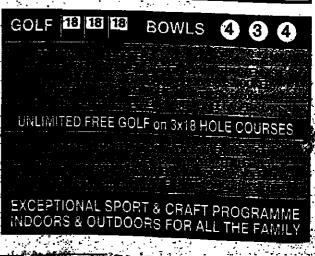


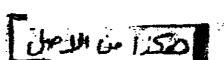
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hearts at trick three, thus en-

abling her to pick up the suit. Seven No-Trumps is a superior

contract. Say the first two tricks

are the same (that is, West

correctly plays the nine on the first heart). My man in Rhodes, Chris Dixon, points out that the

contract is now lay-down. At trick three, declarer leads a heart to the ace. If East follows, there are four

heart tricks available. If West

Again, there are no problems if the suit breaks 3-3. If West holds

four diamonds, declarer cashes

the spades, followed by the king

and ace of clubs, leaving this

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guard both red suits.

keep three spades.

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South discards his spade on the

If East holds long diamonds,

queen of clubs, and West cannot

declarer cashes the third heart

followed by the top clubs, discard-

ing a heart from hand. That

leaves a three-card ending in which dummy is on lead with a

spade and a losing card in each

red suit; declarer has A K 7.

West has to keep a heart and East

a diamond, so neither of them can

guards the hearts,

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(North on lead):

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by Robert Sheehan

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by Raymond Keene

THE BRITISH Chess Federation book of the year award has gone to the Russian grandmaster and former world championship chal-lenger David Bronstein for The Sorcer's Apprentice (Cadogan Books). The judges said: "David Bronstein possesses a chess imagination of the highest order. and his best games can stand alongside any world champion's. The Sorcerer's Apprentice amply illustrates Bronstein's love of the game and his artistic

This game was one of the brilliant attacking masterpieces which alerted the world to a new chess genius.

Pachman-Bronstein Prague v Moscow, 1946 King's Indian Defence d4 Nf6 2 c4 Nf3 e5 4 Nf3 e6 6 Bg2 0-0 0-0 8 b3 e4 exc4 10 Nxd4 Re1 a5

This was one of the earliest games to achieve prominence in which Bronstein adopted his new strategy in the King's Indian Defence. In earlier times, it had been thought that White's solid position and powerful central pawns on c4 and e4, gave him a grip which would ultimately lead to his advantage. In particular, White's ability to generate pressure in the d-file against Black's backward pawn on d6 was considered almost decisive. In this game, and others of the same period. Bronstein demonstrated, though, that Black can generate Ladynamic counter-attacking chances across the entire board to compensate for the seeming strategic inadequacies of his setup. It is striking to observe, in the further course of play, that these counterchances arise almost exclusively along the dark square complexes of the entire board. 12 Bb2 a4. At first, a jab on the

queenside. c6 14 Ba1 Cb6 16 h3 NB 18 Kh2 13 Re1 Nid7 Evidence of Bronstein's breadth of vision. Having first advanced on the queen's flank he now begins to play on both sides of the board.

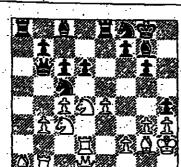
19 Re2 h4 20 Rd2

By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from the game Yurtaev v Timman, Erevan Olympiad 1996. How did Black make the most of

the promising open lines on the

Send answers on a postcard to he Times, I Pennington Street. London El 9XN. The first correct winton drawn on Thursday will receive a year's subscription to the Staunton Society. All first-time entrants will receive a copy of Chess Monthly. The solution will be published next Saturday.

Last week's solution: i ... Qe&

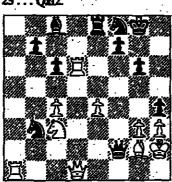


Pachman must have been feeling quite satisfied with his position. but now he is suddenly blown away by an amazing sequence of sacrifices which combine all of Black's previously disparate

aggressive themes.

20 . . . Raal. A sacrifice to annihilate the principal guardian of White's dark squares. Excis 22 Fixes Nxb3

It seems that all is in order, since 23 ... Nxal allows 24 Nd5 followed by 25 Nf6+ when White wins, but now Bronstein uncorks a further shattering surprise. 23 ... Qxf2.



if now 24 Qxh3 hxg3+ 25 Khl Bxh3 26 Rgi Bxg2+ 27 Rxg2 Qf1+ 28 Rgi Qh3 checkmate.

27 Rub3 29 Bd4 31 Ce2

White resigns. After 32 Kgl Qe5 33 Rdl Ra3 followed by Nf8-e6-f4, White is entirely helpless. A grandiose example of play on both wings.

all angles, swooping and diving.
The white knuckle combat action is dovetailed with an animated storyline, taking in bunkers beneath the Empire State Building, battless on Mars and a few lunar bases for good measure. The wire characterisations sure. The voice characterisations Last week's winner: R Brummitt. and music score for these se-Maplewell, Barnsley. quences seem well executed but hold up the pace. My eight-yearold tester impatiently skipped

abcdefgh

PUNCTURE

"It's from Darren, Mother. He says Ridings is closing early for

the holidays and can he bring 60 little friends to stay

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above)

was submitted by Dr John Burscough, of Brigg, South Humberside

settings the enjoyment is

extended a little, with a

bonus game on completing

children's book character

from the 1960s was Dr

Seuss, who makes his sec-

ond CD-Rom appearance

with an interactive tale

about a cantankerous fussy-

eater, Green Eggs and Ham. Aimed at children

aged three to seven, Sam-I-

Am sets out in rhyme to

convince the obstinate diner

that Green Eggs and Ham

should be savoured rather than sniffed at.

The delicious title also

includes three games that

can be discovered as the

story unfolds: the Wacky

Food Concentration Game and

Wacky Rhyming Game are word and picture-matching exercises, while in the Silly Rhyming Sen-tence Machine children find typi-

cally "Seuss-ian" triple word rhymes, such as "The pig with a

wig had a fig. Understandably, children warm to it.

Available on dual format PC

A curious and endearing

the main mission.

INTERPLAY's Chaos Control is to finish. On the other two

a high-octane sci-fi shoot-em-up

which often feels like a three-

dimensional update of the early

1980s classic, Space Invaders.

Instead of regimented rows of

attackers bearing down on you,

here the opposition flies in from

Zapping aliens is a most

satisfying experience, with enemy craft and bases exploding noisily

into balls of flame. As well as

battles in space, you must de-

scend into a maze of metallic city

streets to destroy flying warriors and complete each level. Chaos

Control is for one or two players

and has three difficulty levels. But you don't get much for your money. The easiest setting can

make for a very short game,

through all of them.

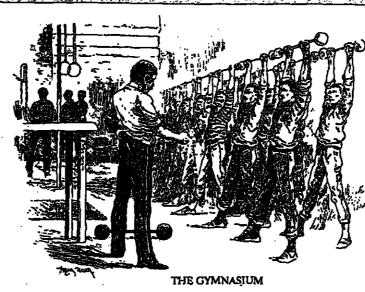
READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine (reproduced with permission from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

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The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Strand Caption (25), Weekend Games Page The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, November 13.



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard JOTA a. The Albanian I b. A gondolier's rowlocks c. A ďance

NISAN a. A grocery store b. A month c. A Japanese warlord

HAREMLIK a. A harem b. A hare's form c. An Anatolian language

LUES BOSWELLIANA a. Rot of the liver b. Excessive admiration

By Dr. Seuss

Children will undoubtedly warm

and Ham comes from Living

Books, the company set up jointly two years ago by publishers

Random House and Brøderbund.

able software for your child is not

easy. Fancy packaging is never a

guarantee of quality, and there is

nothing more irritating than

splashing out £40 or more for a

Tracking down the most suit-

 Self-importance Answers on page 19

by Tim Wapshott

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Dealer South

N: +952 **▼**J962 W E ♦J1052 **+93** S **#98743 #**J62 AKQ7 ♥KQ43 ♦AQ7

lF THE opponents bid a grand slam and you have J 9 6 2 of their trump suit, you have high hopes of making a trick. But instead of sitting there feeling pleased, you should be preparing yourself for what is called an "obligatory false card". Nicola Smith was prepared when this hand came up in

pared when this hand came up in the recent Olympiad, in Rhodes.

Contract: Seven Hearts by South Lead: the jack of spades

After South had shown a balanced 23-24 points, North took control. She discovered South had four hearts headed by the king-queen and the missing aces, and reasonably tried Seven Hearts.

Nicola was West. After winning the spade lead, declarer led the king of hearts. On this Nicola smoothly followed with the nine. This gave declarer a losing option: she decided to play East for an initial holding of ♥ J 762 and so, at trick three, she played a heart to the ace, thus giving West a trump trick.

Notice the importance of Nicola's play — if she plays low on the first heart, declarer has no choice but to lay down the queen of

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES It's A Sin and What Have I Done Romrats is a CD-Rom from Red Rock Media intended to solve such problems at a stroke, being a budgetpriced sampler of more than 100 children's titles — each playing long enough to be fairly judged.

For example, Harry and the Haunted House is another new title from Living Books, but it is a stinker. This saga takes off as some playful animal characters lose their ball in an eerie haunted mansion - but it is too long and drawn out and, frankly, doesn't stand a ghost of a chance of enthusiastic repeat visits. For good-humoured haunting you need Jan Pienkowski's Haunted House, a Philips

to the wacky Green Eggs and Ham CD-Rom reworking of his best-selling pop-up book, based on his distinctive artwork. Plenty of ghoulish surprises lurk in each of the mansion's ten rooms. Another Philips title released

this month also brings memories of the 1980s flooding back - Pet Shop Boys Videography. On Video CD/CDi, the disc includes 15 of the group's hits, including duff title. The innovative West End Girls, Opportunities.

to Deserve This? Since the duo put more effort than most into their videos, the compilation holds up surprisingly well. But you don't have to take my word for it, we have a dozen copies of videography to give away in

Cyberspace Twenty-Seven.
To enter, simply answer the following question: "Which 1960s star performed on the Pet Shop Boys hit from 1987, What Have I Done to Deserve This?"? Send your entries - together with your name, age, address and home telephone number - on a postcard to: Cyberspace Twenty-Seven, Computer Games and Pastimes, Weekend, The Times. London El 9XN. Your entries must reach us by first post on Tuesday, November 19, and the first 12 correct entries chosen will win copies of the videography.

As Christmas is fast approaching, each winner will also receive i stocking huer in ine form of a Running Press bite-sized pop-up book, Bytes of Wisdom, which offers words of wisdom for computer users.

Everyone needs to hit escape once in a while." From Bytes of Wisdom.

No 935

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SOLUTION TO NO 934

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lasting just ten minutes from start and Mac CD-Roms, Green Eggs THE LISTENER CROSSWORD **的一种,其个"为"是"不是"** No 3383: Nattier Guy by Mordred

ALL CLUES are normal but, sadly, Ralph has intervened and transposed five pairs of definitions. He's made matters worse by omitting the same letter from each of two solutions before entry into the grid. He thought it was really helpful, imagining that it did appear in its correct position.

The unclued light is worth noting.

To demonstrate a full understanding of the theme, the solver is required to highlight two five-letter words in the grid which Ralph overlooked. Chambers 1993 is recommended, but some words

will not be found therein because they are not common. Punctuation in clues may mislead.

ACROSS i Ma'am's lot's uncertain

5 Performer's short of lines for arrangement 13 Possibly Jane Morris's flexible posture from which acceptable model is cast 14 Seed grass dropped from old spitfire 15 Council fiddle over a letter

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45 With a large outlay in coin £1,000's fair change 52 Bounces in plimsolls 55 Break from stress after spelling close to bactyl 56"Careful!" cried in haste 57 Old fish in advanced stages of mildew

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58 Islander converting vessel's prow

59 Maybe patience is required for their motto: "Per ardua ad astra"

60 Herb's kite on a leash 61 Cube of erbium left out of inlay work

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17 Tip-up bin 18 Drink develops girths 20 Works a vein in South Africa

23 I state excitedly, 'it is so' 25 Don't mention Beatles' work's not with it

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31 Alternative direction of trunk road is provided with a U-turn 32 Plant spoil beneath a tree 35 A lump of a dunce

54 Ambulatory ermine when temperature's dropped (sic)

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37 Bundle of mail bearing the date before 38 Spurious cynic of the sidewalk? 39 Underhand about new franchise 40 For a Philistine to boil an egg is premature 44 A month onleave, primarily in sun, unconditionally 46 Shaggy's music; sound of the Caribbean

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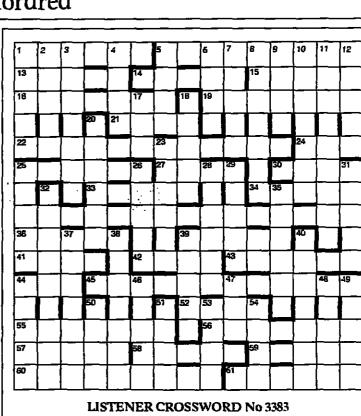
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53 By advanced method

S=3, Y=13, N=29. D=23, I=19. C=7. A=5, T=11, E=2, V=43 The winner is R. Baxter of London SW12.

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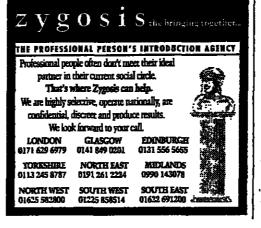
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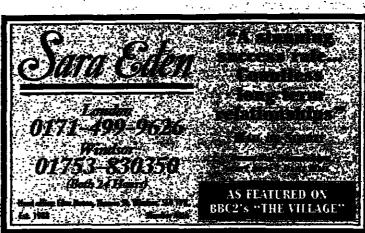
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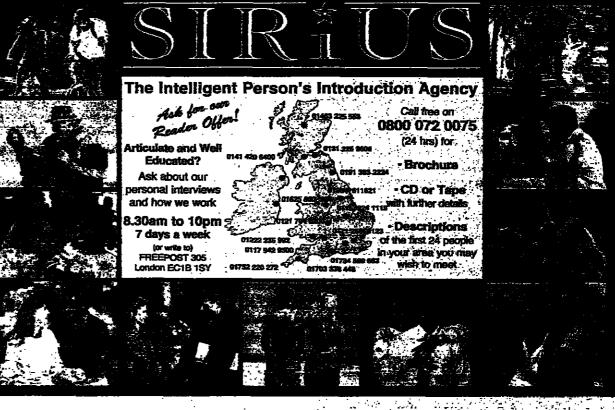
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